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The Forty-Second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Saskatoon, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

Proceedings of the

**M. W. Grand Lodge of
Saskatchewan**

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

AT THE

**FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

HELD AT

Regina on the 18th Day of June, 1947



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED

HECTOR MACKAY

In the forefront of the clansmen who early settled Canada floated "the white banner of the Mackays" and later from the Maritimes and Ontario came many of their descendants to pioneer the "Last West." Of this sturdy stock springs our newly-installed Grand Master, his father, Murdock MacKay and mother, Catherine McVicar, being of pure Scottish blood. His birthplace was Teeswater, Bruce County, Ontario. As a lad he moved to Manitoba, where, after completing his academic studies, he entered the teaching profession. Moving westward to Saskatchewan he shortly articulated as a student-at-law to L. T. McKim, K.C. and in 1921 was called to the Saskatchewan Bar. Thereafter he established the legal practice which he still conducts at Melville. In 1937, on the Coronation of King George VI, his name was included in the Honors List as King's Counsel. He has a splendid practice and enjoys the confidence of a large clientele.

On October 4, 1916, he married Miss Clara Brown at Saskatoon. Their daughter, Betty Marie, is an under-graduate of the University of Manitoba and expects to graduate in 1948.

Bro. Mackay has always been keenly interested in music, flowers and sports. For several years he was Secretary and later President of the Melville Horticultural Society and in 1931 was President of the Saskatchewan Provincial Horticultural Association. He organized the Junior Choir of the First United Church at Melville in 1919 and under his continuous leadership the Choir has since led the Sunday morning services. He also has been leader of the Senior Choir for thirty years. In 1927 he organized the Melville Musical Society and has served for several years on the Provincial Executive of the Saskatchewan Musical Association.

He has been active in community service at all times. He was Secretary of the Melville and District Board of Trade from 1931 to 1942, when he resigned to undertake war work throughout the province with the Department of National War Services. He was Secretary for a number of years and is now President of the Qu'Appelle Valley Associated Boards of Trade and is an active member and Past President of the Melville Rotary Club.

It is, however, in fraternal organizations, particularly Freemasonry, that he has made his greatest contribution. Since his initiation in Melville Lodge No. 62 in 1924 he has been faithful and enthusiastic in the work of the Craft, serving as Worshipful Master in 1931 and as Secretary of the Temple Board of Trustees for eighteen years. After serving on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge for three years he was honoured in 1944 by election as Grand Junior Warden and has since progressively advanced to his present exalted office of Most Worshipful Grand Master. As Past First Principal, R. A. M. and 32° Mason, A. & A. S. R., he is further equipped with experience in organization and administration which will stand him in good stead in efficiently performing the exacting duties of his office.

With his inherited sound judgment and strict morals, trained mind and sterling qualities, high conception of service and duty and devotion to Freemasonry, he will, as Grand Master, most assuredly give leadership of a high standard and thereby enhance the honour of the Craft.



M. W. BRO. HECTOR MACKAY
GRAND MASTER, 1947.48

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

A. F. & A. M.

PROCEEDINGS: ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Representatives of the Lodges assembled in the Hotel Saskatchewan, in the City of Regina, at 9.00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 18th, 1947.

9.05 a.m. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters entered Grand Lodge.

9.15 a.m. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master entered Grand Lodge.

FLAG CEREMONY

W. Bro. Sgt. J. Robinson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Union Jack and Brother S/Sgt. D. J. McCombe, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Stars and Stripes at the Altar, using the following ceremonies:—

"I now present our Flag—the Union Jack—the emblem of Freedom and Democracy.

"As its component crosses were successively combined to symbolize the voluntary unions of free peoples, so may it continue to typify the greater unities of our wider Commonwealth.

"May the red, the colour of the sacrificial blood of the martyrs; the white like the snowy lambskin of Masonry and the blue of the changeless vault of the sky, symbolically depicting COURAGE, PURITY and TRUTH, blend wherever it floats the wide world round to blazon forth a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity for all peoples everywhere. Long may it wave!"

So mote it be.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

"I now present the Flag of the United States of America—the Stars and Stripes. As its stripes represent the original thirteen states and its stars represent the original thirteen and thirty-five other states which have been added successively to the great Republic, so may it continue to grow in the respect of other nations and in its powerful support of freedom the wide world over.

"The flag which I now present is a Ceremonial Flag, the gift of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and expresses not only their patriotism, but also their regard and affection for the Brethren of Saskatchewan.

"I join with my brother flag-bearer and borrow his words. Wherever the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes float, may they, with one voice, blazon forth a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity for all peoples everywhere. In the unity of that pledge, long may they wave!"

So mote it be.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

WELCOME FROM GRAND MASTER

Brethren, it is a pleasure to welcome you to this Forty-First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. This is your annual business meeting and I ask sincerely for your assistance in carrying it out expeditiously and in a business-like way.

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented by their accredited representatives, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Grand Chaplain implored the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon its deliberations. The Brethren joined in singing "Oh, God our Help in Ages Past."

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, on the Throne

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. Hector Mackay

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate, R. Young, W. J. Smith, W. M. Martin, J. O. Clarke, N. R. Craig, M. Musk, A. O. Brooks, D. Fraser, S. J. A. Branion, J. C. Carter, F. C. Hayes.

Grand Senior Warden	F. C. Wilson (163)
Grand Junior Warden	W. H. Moor (16)
Grand Treasurer	A. C. Garner (154)
Grand Secretary	Robt. A. Tate (11)
Grand Registrar	A. S. Pipes (3)
Grand Chaplain	E. H. Knowles (11)
Grand Senior Deacon	Robt. Harvey (99)
Grand Director of Ceremonies	W. A. MacNeill (19)
Grand Supt. of Works	H. A. Cathro (156)
Grand Organist	A. H. Pullinger (1)
Grand Pursuivant	I. H. Pittman (181)
Grand Tyler	T. H. Reeves (16)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bros. R. R. McEwen (1), E. S. Weeks (2), C. M. Nixon (3), John G. Platt (4), J. C. K. Langford (5), W. H. Hart (6), N. S. Smith (7), J. F. C. Fisher (8), G. T. Killam (10), Allan MacIntosh (11), W. H. Walker (12), F. H. Stephens (13), T. G. Williams (14), J. J. Bole (15), L. L. Lymburner (16), N. C. Rudd (17).

GRAND STEWARDS: George Hill (14), A. H. Maguire (36), R. J. Eley (98), F. W. Davis (29).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama—F. T. Fraser	England—W. M. Martin
Alberta—A. A. Wilson	France—F. H. Auld
Arizona—A. Greaves	Illinois—Robt. A. Tate
Arkansas—R. W. Kirkby	Ireland—W. B. Tate
Br. Columbia—W. McDougald	Kansas—E. H. Knowles
Chile—F. J. Truran	Maine—Hector Mackay
Cuba—S. R. Stephens	Manitoba—F. C. Hayes—
Delaware—G. H. Hummel	Massachusetts—A. E. Miscampbell
Denmark (Nat. Grand Lodge of)—	Minnesota—C. H. Boyd
W. M. Martin	Missouri—J. O. Clarke

Montana—W. J. Smith
 Nebraska—M. Musk
 Nevada—A. S. Pipes
 New Brunswick—D. A. McMillan
 New Mexico—T. H. Pendlebury
 New South Wales—T. L. Ferguson
 New York—S. J. A. Branion
 New Zealand—E. H. M. Knowles
 North Carolina—A. M. Bell
 Nova Scotia—N. R. Craig
 Ohio—A. C. Garner
 Philippine Islands—F. A. Williamson
 Quebec—W. O. Fraser

Queensland—A. F. McFaul
 Rio de Janeiro—J. E. Rodney
 Scotland—R. Young
 South Australia—R. L. Hanbidge
 South Carolina—J. C. Carter
 South Dakota—F. C. Wilson
 Texas—A. G. McLean
 Utah—F. A. Dunk
 Victoria—Wm. Leith
 Virginia—D. Fraser
 Washington—A. O. Brooks
 Western Australia—E. C. Bird
 Wisconsin—F. M. Hodson

REPRESENTATIVES CONSTITUENT LODGES AND PAST MASTERS

- No. 1—Kinistino, Prince Albert: Robt. Young, A. H. Pullinger, J. S. Brow.
 No. 2—Wascana, Regina: W. H. Ross, W. M. Martin, D. M. Woodham,
 C. W. Walker, L. Johnson, T. G. Thomson, S. C. Weaver, J. F.
 Lunney, T. Barraclough, A. Thomson, J. M. Wessel, E. S. Weeks,
 J. M. Smith.
 No. 3—Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw: A. L. Anderson, J. W. Gusa, G. H.
 Glover, A. S. Pipes, T. H. Pendlebury.
 No. 4—Qu'Appelle Valley, Fort Qu'Appelle: D. MacBeth, F. A. Dunk.
 No. 5—Indian Head, Indian Head: J. E. Robison, J. Walker.
 No. 6—Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle: W. G. Vicars, W. B. Tate, J. F. Bell,
 F. J. Truran.
 No. 8—Ashlar, Whitehead: J. Wilson.
 No. 9—Maple Leaf, Maple Creek: F. W. Martin, W. McKinstry, A. F.
 Gilchrist, J. S. Armstrong.
 No. 11—N.W.M.P., Regina: J. E. Campbell, W. G. Smith, Robt. A. Tate,
 H. S. Hanna, F. W. Kimberley, H. R. Robinson, G. H. Bennett,
 E. H. Knowles, J. Robinson.
 No. 12—Yorkton, Yorkton: D. Arnott, T. R. Luke, A. W. Smith, W. B.
 Motion.
 No. 14—Sintaluta, Sintaluta: G. Hill.
 No. 15—Amity, Carnduff: G. E. Burt-Gerrans.
 No. 16—Saskatchewan, Saskatoon: W. H. Moor, T. H. Reeve, W. E. Rose,
 F. R. Cosford, T. H. Purvis.
 No. 18—Melfort, Melfort: P. J. Fennell, I. Scott, H. V. Goldfinch, J. Hat-
 ton, W. Lonsdale.
 No. 19—Battle, Battleford: W. L. Clink, G. E. Stuhr, E. H. Clink, W. A.
 MacNeill.
 No. 20—Weyburn, Weyburn: P. K. Brown, S. H. E. Mitchell, J. Watson,
 J. D. Bell, L. L. Gray.
 No. 21—Arcola, Arcola: J. L. Thompson.
 No. 22—Rosthern, Rosthern: F. M. Hodson.
 No. 23—Britannia, Lloydminster: E. F. Knipe, R. L. Curtis.
 No. 24—Wolseley, Wolseley: J. M. Sanderson, J. G. Platt.
 No. 25—Estevan, Estevan: Wm. Burton, A. H. Trout, F. J. Smart, W.
 Hopkins.
 No. 26—Swift Current, Swift Current: W. Ellison, F. C. Hayes, R. W. At-
 kinson, A. MacIntosh.
 No. 27—Alameda, Alemada: J. F. C. Fisher.
 No. 29—Heward, Heward: H. E. Hill, S. N. Horner, F. W. Davis.
 No. 30—New Hope, Stoughton: D. A. Gilliland, C. C. Cameron, E. W.
 Thompson.

- No. 31—Ionic, North Battleford: J. Candline, A. E. Blower.
 No. 32—Golden Rule, Pense: R. J. Morrison.
 No. 34—Lang, Lang: G. C. Wight.
 No. 35—Prince Rupert, Humboldt: J. M. Hanbidge.
 No. 36—Bruce, Francis: A. H. Maguire.
 No. 38—Ékapo, Broadview: H. B. Lowe, W. S. E. Inglis.
 No. 39—Boscurvis, Oxbow: W. O. Fraser, W. E. Fern.
 No. 40—Rouleau, Rouleau: E. E. Johnston, W. H. Musick, I. J. Adams, J. T. Rogers.
 No. 41—Drinkwater, Drinkwater: R. J. S. Gilroy, W. B. Lampman, J. J. Gorr, Wm. Thurston,
 No. 42—Caron, Caron: D. A. McDougall.
 No. 43—Ishpaming, Langham: S. Bitten.
 No. 44—Landmark, Lashburn: I. Saunders, E. C. Lindeblom, T. R. Hubbard.
 No. 45—Aurora, Theodore: G. T. Killam.
 No. 46—Strasbourg, Strasbourg: W. G. Borland, W. A. Richardson, G. A. Third.
 No. 47—Cupar, Cupar: T. Hesketh, J. N. Ormiston, R. A. Riches, W. McLean.
 No. 48—Grayson, Dubuc: E. H. Clayton.
 No. 49—Assiniboia, Regina: D. Fraser, F. A. Williamson, G. B. Morrison, S. G. Thomson, W. J. J. Walker, A. D. Carrothers.
 No. 50—Golden Fleece, Halbrite: G. Townshend, C. H. Barlow.
 No. 51—Touchwood, Punnychy: E. J. Medland, C. G. Shooter.
 No. 53—Nanatah, Balcarres: A. H. Miles.
 No. 54—Buchanan, Buchanan: A. C. Jennings.
 No. 57—Prairie, Wilkie: J. R. Campbell.
 No. 58—King Solomon, Kamsack: J. E. Towers, H. W. Shockey.
 No. 59—Canora, Canora: D. Rowlands.
 No. 60—Imperial, Saskatoon—D. C. Disbery, J. C. K. Langford, H. A. Canadine.
 No. 62—Melville, Melville: R. B. Taylor, H. Mackay, T. J. McGee, E. J. Maddex.
 No. 63—Prince Albert, Prince Albert: R. E. Partridge, M. Musk, R. W. Kirkby, S. J. A. Branion.
 No. 64—Manitou, Watrous: R. Veitch, R. L. Reed.
 No. 65—Outlook, Outlook: J. C. Carter, H. Gibson.
 No. 66—Wynyard, Wynyard: K. Miller.
 No. 67—Eyebrow, Eyebrow: G. M. Emmons.
 No. 68—Govan, Govan: J. O. Clarke, A. W. Gunn, S. D. Guthrie, J. A. Brown, J. H. Edwards, E. Lakness.
 No. 69—Carrot River, Kinistino: R. R. McEwen, R. E. Ford.
 No. 70—Cypress, Gull Lake: A. E. Woodward.
 No. 71—Doric, Moose Jaw: C. H. Boyd, S. R. Stephens, W. C. Edwards, R. H. Jackson, J. H. Jackson, N. R. Craig.
 No. 72—Corinthian, Lumsden: C. A. Smith, J. Grant.
 No. 74—Kilwinning, Adanac: A. M. Bell.
 No. 76—Tisdale, Tisdale: A. M. Fritshaw, F. T. Fraser.
 No. 77—Abernethy, Abernethy: A. O. Brooks, J. K. Pomeroy, A. McCall, J. A. Stueck.
 No. 78—Tugaske, Tugaske: R. H. Prebble, R. Wilson, R. E. Triggs.
 No. 79—Foam Lake, Foam Lake: J. Reid, A. G. Baxter, A. J. Reid, C. M. Douglas.
 No. 81—Tuscan, Semans: J. N. Smith, F. J. Murney, E. C. Hollis.
 No. 83—Meridian, Macklin: W. E. Kilpatrick, H. H. Dier, F. H. Stephens, M. H. Kine.

- No. 84—Lanigan, Lanigan: A. Katz.
No. 85—Zealandia, Zealandia: H. Burnett, G. S. Douglas, L. Moen, R. MacRae, A. F. McFaul.
No. 86—Kindersley, Kindersley: J. A. Broad, G. Bishop, C. F. Addison.
No. 87—Wadena, Wadena: A. P. Dowsett, W. T. Potts, A. Faust.
No. 88—Briercrest, Briercrest: A. F. Arnold, G. C. Atkinson.
No. 89—Twin City, Sutherland: C. A. Moir.
No. 90—KerRobert, KerRobert: R. L. Hanbidge, D. S. Hendry, H. Steele, J. E. Rodney, J. I. Bell, C. F. Mawhinney.
No. 91—Rosetown, Rosetown: H. R. Powell, W. McDougald, H. N. Hyslop, B. R. Arneil.
No. 92—Lodge Progress, Saskatoon: O. S. Wakeford, W. J. Young, T. O. Stow, N. G. Paterson.
No. 94—Maryfield, Maryfield: J. M. Lipsey.
No. 96—Yellow Grass, Yellow Grass: J. A. McCann, V. A. Wilkenson.
No. 97—Radisson, Radisson: H. E. Fennell.
No. 98—Union, Kelliher: R. J. Eley, A. E. Arndt.
No. 99—Goose Lake, Delisle: J. R. Campbell, R. Harvey, T. H. Colmer.
No. 103—Composite, Kennedy: W. J. Toppings, H. M. Warner.
No. 104—King Hiram, Regina: H. J. Rendall, C. Blackham, C. L. Smith, A. A. Wilson, J. Burns.
No. 105—Gothic, Luseland: S. C. Onerheim, D. G. Scheidt, H. Whittaker.
No. 106—St. John's, Assiniboia: W. D. McPherson.
No. 107—Mortlach, Mortlach: P. H. Rudeen, A. Hansen, A. Dunlop.
No. 108—Long Lake, Liberty: R. A. Olson.
No. 109—Limerick, Limerick: T. Logan.
No. 110—Shaunavon, Shaunavon: C. E. Bradley, W. J. Smith, A. M. Sanburn, H. Thompson, T. L. Ferguson.
No. 111—Aneroid, Aneroid: E. S. Hammond, F. J. Bitler.
No. 112—Woodrow, Woodrow: H. Silverman.
No. 114—Central Butte, Central Butte: A. McGillivray.
No. 119—Cabri, Cabri: S. W. Fowler, J. Stewart, S. Sondrol, F. F. Fowler.
No. 121—Simpson, Simpson: W. H. Quine.
No. 123—Lancer, Lancer: J. B. Cross.
No. 124—Mount Hermon, Pennant: E. Housego.
No. 125—Latomia, Weyburn: J. W. Adolphe, W. H. Benson, W. H. Hart.
No. 126—Cadillac, Cadillac: A. Laurie, L. H. Bradley.
No. 127—Birch Hills, Birch Hills: G. H. MacDonnell, J. A. Perry.
No. 128—Meyronne, Meyronne: S. Day, W. J. Lane, T. G. Williams, W. Barber.
No. 129—Mossbank, Mossbank: R. Collins.
No. 130—Togo, Togo: D. E. Blewett, J. Topham, W. J. C. May.
No. 132—Conquest, Conquest: R. J. Dickinson.
No. 133—Philathea, Nokomis: L. L. Lymburner, G. H. Hummel, W. Riach.
No. 134—Eston, Eston: A. J. Cox, D. McAlister, D. Steadward.
No. 135—Elrose, Elrose: W. H. Walker.
No. 136—St. George, Moose Jaw: J. H. Morrow, Chas. Green, J. F. Kerr, R. Sandercock, A. C. Woods, A. H. Herd.
No. 138—Kincaid, Kincaid: A. W. Hymers.
No. 139—Riverhurst, Riverhurst: A. R. Low, L. B. Bishop, N. C. Rudd.
No. 140—Sceptre, Sceptre: W. A. Campbell, L. E. Trew.
No. 142—Leader, Leader: W. F. Linklater.
No. 143—Hawarden, Hawarden: H. T. Kelly, R. Buckley.
No. 144—Victory, Saskatoon: A. Greaves, C. M. Peel, J. W. Welsh.
No. 145—Elfros, Elfros: A. Thorfinnson, W. G. White, H. F. Bole, J. J. Bole.
No. 148—Dunblane, Dunblane: J. Sinclair, J. Kain.
No. 149—Loverna, Loverna: S. Bowler.
No. 150—Wawota, Wawota: H. Shepherd.

- No. 152—Star City, Star City: H.J. Brett, C. W. Childs, M. S. Mooney, S. C. Starkey.
- No. 154—Banner, Regina: F. C. Middleton, A. L. McLean, A. C. Garner, G. W. R. Clarke, H. R. Barrett, A. E. Miscampbell.
- No. 155—Raymore, Raymore: A. G. McLéan, J. Tate, C. Hanna.
- No. 156—Avonlea, Avonlea: H. A. Cathro, A. McClelland, C. H. Cathro.
- No. 158—Borden, Borden: C. Hardstaff, N. S. Smith, H. J. Sangwine.
- No. 160—Cut Knife, Cut Knife: H. G. Barclay.
- No. 163—Fillmore, Fillmore: F. C. Wilson, I. R. Berry, S. A. Harry, L. Dobb, H. J. McDiarmid, E. Taylor.
- No. 164—Milestone, Milestone: M. Malt, W. G. Turner.
- No. 165—St. Luke's, Plenty: J. MacPhee, D. M. McIntosh.
- No. 167—Preeceville, Preeceville: M. Gelmon, G. E. Hickling.
- No. 168—Earl Grey, Earl Grey: A. Binnie.
- No. 172—Memorial, Moose Jaw: A. Wilton, C. M. Nixon, A. D. Thackray, R. T. C. Heaps, A. L. McGowan.
- No. 174—St. Andrew's, Regina: J. E. L. Dickson, E. C. Bird, W. S. Arrow-smith, E. G. Bourne, J. Luttman, P. E. Johnson, H. C. Kent, E. H. M. Knowles, J. G. Wright.
- No. 176—Gray, Gray: F. B. Lewis.
- No. 177—Verwood, Verwood: W. Nevill, T. H. Armstrong, W. Oberg, R. Titilah.
- No. 180—Herbert, Herbert: Nels Nelson, G. W. Francis.
- No. 181—Tuberoze, Tuberoze: E. Christensen, C. E. Clark, I. H. Pittman, P. McGregor.
- No. 183—Nipawin, Nipawin: A. Doherty.
- No. 184—Osage, Osage: R. F. Swinton, J. W. Cooper, A. Shotter.
- No. 185—Loyalty, Ruddell: F. L. Stephens.
- No. 186—Emulation, Regina: T. H. Moffett, F. E. Doull, E. O. Walker, A. P. MacLean, F. H. Auld, W. A. Silverthorn.
- No. 190—Turtleford, Turtleford: Wm. Cockburn.
- No. 191—Macrorie, Macrorie: R. L. Maxfield, W. H. Barrie.
- No. 192—Sovereign, Sovereign: L. H. Wensley, J. V. Greer, W. Leith, J. A. Campbell, F. O. Hunt, J. E. Burt, R. Pierson, H. E. McIntyre.
- No. 196—Lacadena, Lacadena: A. G. Turner, A. Lorenzen, A. N. Calvert, D. A. McMillan.
- No. 198—Colfax, Colfax: A. S. McIvor, Wm. McIvor, E. G. Pope, R. D. Crain.
- No. 199—Admiral, Admiral: A. C. Running.
- No. 200—Hudson Bay, Hudson Bay: A. W. Skilliter, R. Jervis, J. Foster, M. C. Hobman.
- No. 201—Glentworth, Glentworth: I. H. Root, C. R. Barber, E. W. Fancourt.
- No. 202—Rose Valley, Rose Valley: C. W. Roberts, A. L. Curtis.
- No. 204—Northern Light, Loon Lake: F. E. Wagar.
- HONOURARY MEMBERS—Charles Davidson, Past Grand Master; H.B. Donnelly, Past Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master gave permission for all Master Masons, properly clothed and vouched for, to be admitted as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bros. A. O. Brooks and J. O. Clarke, it was resolved that: "The minutes of the 40th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the City of Regina on June 19th and 20th, 1946, as printed in the Proceedings and distributed, be taken as read and confirmed."

On motion of R.W. Bros. A. C. Garner and W. O. Fraser, it was resolved that: "Printed copies of the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge being in the hands of all representatives, they be taken as read and adopted."

Distinguished Visitors

The following distinguished visitors were then escorted into Grand Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies:

M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Senior Active Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was presented by M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig.

M.W. Bro. Charles Davidson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana, was presented by M.W. Bro. D. Fraser.

M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was presented by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate.

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was presented by R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson.

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, was presented by M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter.

The Grand Master cordially welcomed our distinguished guests, intimating that they would be given an opportunity of addressing Grand Lodge before the sessions closed, and inviting them to the East, after which Grand Honours were accorded them.

Grand Master's Address

The M.W. the Grand Master delivered the following address which, on the motion of M.W. Bros. D. Fraser and J. O. Clarke, was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence:

Brethren:

In welcoming you to this Forty-first Annual Communication I must tender my regrets that the instructions as to the place of meeting had to be changed, due however, to no fault on the part of any of those concerned with the arrangements other than the management of the hotel at Saskatoon upon whose services we were dependent.

I took upon myself the responsibility of changing the place of meeting to Regina rather than of changing the dates as I considered there would be less difficulty caused by such a change. I express my regrets to the Brethren of Saskatoon and to the Brethren who would have found Saskatoon more convenient to them, and at the same time I wish to express my gratitude to the Regina City Lodges who so willingly agreed to give their services to make this Grand Communication a success. It means a lot of work for those in charge of these Lodges and for the association of those Lodges under Worshipful Brother Auld, following immediately after the previous year when they had the same duty to perform.

Legally, we are still at war. Actually, the Allies, who two years ago were co-operating to the limit with the objective of achieving victory, have been sparring with each other continually ever since. Freemasonry has undoubtedly been held back by the failure to date of the Allies to achieve a settled economy.

There has been, however, the encouragement of seeing one after another Grand Lodge revived in those parts of the world where Freemasonry as an organization was wiped out during the war and the years that preceded it. Anglo Saxon Freemasonry has been cautious in welcoming to the fold these new bodies only to the extent of being certain that they are not being used

to perpetuate that against which we fought, and to be assured that they will be reasonably certain to maintain those standards upon which we insist, and without which we contend that such bodies are not truly Masonic. Much in the way of Masonic charity has gone to assist Brethren in these countries to lay a firm foundation for the future and the results would justify a certain element of sane optimism.

During my year as Grand Master I steadily persevered in an objective that I had set myself, namely, the stimulation of Masonic Education, of making truly Masonic the mass of material that was entering our Order. I felt that there was no need to stimulate the growth of our Lodges, but a great need to stimulate the study of Freemasonry, which I felt would in itself produce a group of men who would carry forward into the future the standard of Masonic excellence that has been set in this Jurisdiction in the past by those who had preceded me. Throughout the whole of my year I turned the efforts of myself and my D.D.G.M.'s towards this objective. At the District Meetings, all of which I attended, I took as the subject of my presentation "The Wages of a Fellowcraft," seeking to show from the "Work" those benefits that the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft would receive from the quarries of Freemasonry and which I sought to show led up to that spiritual development which would entitle the Brother to be raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. I sought to show that the real wages were Knowledge, Happiness, and God Himself. I quoted Carl Claudy, the outstanding American Masonic scholar, in these words:

"Let him who would receive all that Freemasonry has to give, dig deeply in the Symbolism, the History, the Philosophy and the Spiritual meanings of the Ancient Craft. So, and so only, will he become a real Freemason."

I concluded with these words:

"There is no need or room for Freemasonry in a perfect world, or a perfect man. It is because Freemasonry can bring to us mental and spiritual benefits, can make perfect our rough ashlar, can give to each of us mental and spiritual wages, that we have need of it."

The efforts of our Grand Secretary at our District Meetings, which to some extent followed the same line, were very well received and, I believe, of great benefit to the Craft. Our meetings were exceptionally well attended, except on one or two occasions due to bad roads and heavy rainfall.

During my year I constituted one Lodge, that at Glentworth, and dispensations were issued by me for the institution of the following Lodges: Northern Light Lodge at Loon Lake and Aberdeen Lodge at Aberdeen.

I dedicated one Lodge building, that of Lonach Lodge No. 182, at Marsden, on October 7th, 1946.

I had an opportunity during the year of visiting two Lodges working under dispensation, that of Meadow Lake and that of Loon Lake, and found them active, efficient and enthusiastic.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE — 1946

It was my opportunity to join with our Grand Secretary in sending out a message to the Craft at the Yuletide in the following words:

Another year of so-called peace has passed since your Grand Master's message of 1945. We blind ourselves to the world situation if we consider that permanent peace is much closer at the present time than it was a year ago. We have witnessed conference after conference largely end in failure. We have seen a growing distrust between those who, a short time before, were shedding their blood in a common cause. We have seen Europe, the major battlefield of the world, again dividing itself into two armed camps, where each, in the name of humanity, is prepared to slaughter the other. In our own land, we have seen capital and labour battling, with

the common man, in all cases, being the ultimate loser, and these strikes and other disturbances at a time when our own people and the world at large needs the production of industry as it never needed it before. We have seen starvation in one land, and in another, food, in many forms, being destroyed for the purpose of putting pressure on a government elected by the people as a whole, to do something that one section of the populace demands.

Undeclared war still exists between man and man and it is questionable as to whether this undeclared war may not result in greater evils than that which was declared.

We are now approaching the season when we celebrate the advent of One who was called the Prince of Peace. He was not one who sought to achieve that peace by the force of arms, by strikes, by lock-outs, by destruction of food, but who preached a peace that came from within, and not from without. He lived in a day when world conditions were infinitely worse than anything we have at present; in fact, probably the present world conditions are better than they have ever been before, in terms of human liberty, and it may be that we are in the birth throes of a new world.

We wish each other a Merry Christmas, but is that all we do about it? We may make some small contribution at the time to local charity. In many Christian churches, this is looked upon as a season for the re-dedication of mankind to the service of the Prince of Peace. Let us all make it so!

Freemasonry teaches that one's happiness is achieved only by service for others. Again and again through the Masonic work is this emphasized. The Entered Apprentice, we are told, develops himself morally to show forth the Glory of God and for the welfare of his fellow creatures. The Fellowcraft again receives his mental development for the Glory of God, to contribute to the happiness, and for the good of mankind, and thereby is said to answer the great end of his creation.

The Master contributes to the happiness of his Brethren by inculcating the genuine tenets and principles of the fraternity, and the Brethren have but one aim in view, to please each other. These all indicate that genuine happiness is our objective, but it is a light that shines from within and not one that is contributed or enforced from without. All evil is eradicated in the heart of the true adept of our science.

Efforts by many are, at present, being made to stir up hatred among us, not of Communism, but of those who are Communists, of any one whose thoughts and ideals vary from ours, and equal effort is being made among such individuals to stir up hatred for us. If such hatred is stirred up in the hearts of mankind, a war again will, of necessity, follow.

He drew a circle which shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But love and I had the wit to win,
We drew a circle which drew him in.

In spite of all these world conditions, we still live, here in Saskatchewan, in a land flowing with the good things of life, good food, good neighbours, and good fellowship, and so in closing, may we wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To which message was appended the following; by Joseph Auslander.

Are there places still, today,
Where the Mother with Her Child
Would be curtly turned away,
Lest that place become defiled?
There are places, barred to them,
Round the world from Bethlehem.

Is the color of one's skin
 Still the butt for senseless rage?
 At the Stable of the Inn
 Kneels the Abyssinian Mage,
 And the Babe sheds equal grace
 On the black and white man's face.
 Was the triumph worth the price?
 Were the blood and tears in vain?
 The sorrow and the sacrifice?
 All the courage, all the pain?
 At the level of the Manger
 No man rises up a stranger.
 Search our souls, O Prince of Peace;
 Keep our hands, sweet Child, as clean
 As the ox, upon his knees,
 Round-eyed at the golden scene.
 Let all mankind, by Your bed,
 Break the spirit's holy bread.
 Now that peace upon the land
 Trembles like a blood-stained feather
 On fresh snow, as if God's hand
 Brought them quietly together,
 Can the heart in truth again
 Cry, "Good will! Good will to men!"
 Can the bells of Christmas banish
 Horror camp, inhuman lust?
 Can the scars of hatred vanish?
 Can Faith quiet our distrust?
 Can the dove of Christendom
 Dwell with the Atomic Bomb?
 These are questions we must answer,
 And that answer holds our fate;
 Hatred is the spirit's cancer.
 We must choose 'twixt Christ and hate;
 We must choose, and by that choice,
 Angels weep — or men rejoice.

VISITATIONS

During the year I visited Lodges in this Jurisdiction on all opportunities that came to me and within the limits of the funds at my disposal. I sought, as one objective, the visiting of all Lodges in my own district, and this I have accomplished. Wherever I visited, I was received with all fraternal courtesy, and trust that my visits, at least to a small degree, stimulated the activities of the Lodges concerned. I am not going to list or itemize the visits made. There are, however, a few visits to which I should make special reference.

In October I had the privilege of travelling to Yorkton and visiting their Lodge on the occasion of their annual Youth Night, to which reference has been made on a number of occasions by my predecessors and by our Grand Secretary. The Brethren at Yorkton are giving a very considerable service to the youth of the district, not by any means restricted to those of Masonic parentage, but the group that they seek to reach is definitely a selected group. They are young men from their middle teens to the ages of about twenty or twenty-one. These youths made a very definite contribution to the success of the evening. They were, without exception, of the type that Freemasonry would later welcome into its midst. I enjoyed an unusual evening in the efforts made by the Brethren and the response stimulated from the youths who there attended.

On the 29th of April I visited North West Mounted Police Lodge in Regina for the celebration of what was, by them, known as "Tate" night. The occasion was the raising of another grandson of our Honourary Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother Tate. The chairs were filled to a large extent by members of the family. The young man receiving the third degree of Masonry at this time was the son of Worshipful Brother J. E. Campbell, Chairman of our Masonic Education Committee. Our Grand Secretary, and uncle of this young man, was one of the wardens.

Freemasonry is growing up in Saskatchewan. The children's children of those who plowed the first furrows are now coming in to the Craft to take over in turn the responsibilities of those who are either no longer with us, or who are beginning to feel the hand of time. In the years to come, Saskatchewan Freemasonry will look back with gratitude to Most Worshipful Brother Tate and his family for their contribution to the Craft.

On the 1st of May I visited my own Lodge and assisted in raising my own son to the Third Degree. He is the first in my Lodge of the children's children to come into the Craft. Both of his grandfathers, his father and four of his uncles have been initiated, passed and raised in this Lodge and the terms of their membership cover virtually the whole of its sixty years of existence. Our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Tate, assisted, and I raised the candidate, assisted by two of his uncles, one from each side of the family, as wardens.

ANNIVERSARIES

Battle Lodge No. 19 celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary on the 29th day of July, A.D. 1946, at which I was present.

On the 31st day of July, I attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the constituting of Borden Lodge. The original constitution in this case was the first Grand Lodge Ceremonial that I ever attended. As far as possible, the original officers of the Lodge were in the chairs and it was a delightful experience, after a quarter of a century, to see the same Brethren answering the gavel of the original Master.

On the 28th day of May, A.D. 1947, Prince Albert Lodge No. 63, at Prince Albert, honoured Most Worshipful Brother Mark Musk with a banquet, at which the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and I were both present. Most Worshipful Brother Mark Musk is one of the Grand Old Men of Masonry in the north and it is well that honour be given these Brethren while they are yet with us.

VISITATIONS OUTSIDE OF SASKATCHEWAN

In August of 1946, I travelled by bus, train, taxi and plane to meet with our Brethren to the south in the Grand Lodge of Montana at Butte. Flying into Butte in the dusk of the evening was an experience never to be forgotten. The hillside glittered as though with a mass of jewels. I met old friends and Brothers and made new friends among the Brethren there present.

In September I attended the Conference of Western Jurisdictions at Banff, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, as well as Most Worshipful Brother Hayes, to whom had been given the honour of leading this Conference during that year. The Deputy Grand Master will submit a report to this Grand Communication on that Conference.

I visited, as your representative, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America at Washington in the month of February, 1947, and was accompanied on that visit by our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary who attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America, which met at the same time.

Immediately following that, I visited the organizing Conference of the Grand Lodges of British North America held at the Seignior Club at Montabell in Quebec. This included the two Deputy Grand Lodges in Newfoundland, one under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and one under the Grand Lodge of England. I was accompanied on that visit by my immediate predecessor, Most Worshipful Brother Hayes, who will submit a report thereon to this Grand Communication.

I have also attended the Grand Communications of our Sister Grand Lodge of Alberta and of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba. At all points I was received with all fraternal courtesies.

I was very interested in finding, at all Grand Lodges that I visited, and the Conferences that I attended, the same problems were being met by our Brethren on all parts of the Continent and to a great extent, by the same methods. I came away from the Conference of Grand Masters of North America with the feeling that the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan had in the past been well and wisely led and that in solving the problems of Freemasonry of our day that few were in advance of us. This, in itself, was a heartening discovery to make. I found at the Conference in Quebec, that the work formerly performed by Most Worshipful Brother Tate, and those who followed him, with reference to Masonic Education in this Province was recognized by the leaders of the other Grand Jurisdictions of Canada and I found that two of our Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brother Seeley and Most Worshipful Brother Estey, who now reside in Ontario, were continuing to make a real contribution to Freemasonry and to Masonic Education in the fields in which they were now serving.

It was but natural that at the Conference at Washington some questions should come up for discussion in which Saskatchewan Freemasonry was not so closely concerned, such as, for instance, the question of Negro Freemasonry and the attitude that Anglo Saxon Freemasonry should adopt toward it. The discussion was intensely interesting and showed a widespread spirit of tolerance on both sides, but is not one of our immediate problems in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The attitude of the different Grand Jurisdictions to the problem of the physical qualifications of an Entered Apprentice and the approaches made by the different Jurisdictions to that problem was more directly in point. We heard from Jurisdictions that still rigidly enforce the letter of the law and from some that were more liberal in their viewpoint than we ourselves, but Saskatchewan Freemasonry is apparently in the forefront of a liberal attitude towards those who, through some unforeseen calamity, are deficient in those requirements that were at one time important to Operative Masons.

A very interesting discussion took place on assimilating wartime Masons, led by a past Army Chaplain, the present Grand Master of Texas. This Brother suggested the importance of Masters employing and instructing the host of members who entered during the war, or immediately following the war, with considerable emphasis on the "employment." He suggested that they be employed in investigating and working out the history of their Lodges and Grand Lodges, that they be encouraged to secure historical information from members and to pass that on to others, that they be employed in service connected with sickness and relief, assist in securing employment for unemployed members returning from service, and form themselves into voluntary groups to take turns in attending Masonic funerals so that the load would not fall on the few. The discussion that followed disclosed a wide variation of organized efforts made in these ways, ranging from one Grand Master who confessed that they were too busy in the mechanics of making members to do anything else and that in his Jurisdiction he was issuing dispensations to take in large groups of candidates at most meetings, to Jurisdictions that were strictly limiting the inflow and seeking to insist on the proper development of the candidates as they pass through the Degrees.

The following was the agenda at the Washington conference:

1. Assimilating War Time Masons.
2. How Can We Promote Lodge Attendance?
3. Should the War Change our Viewpoint on Physical Qualifications?
4. Do We Have an Obligation to Negro Freemasonry?
5. Effect of the War on the Future of Freemasonry.

It had been my hope to have present at this Grand Communication Most Worshipful Brother Karl Mohr, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who visited us in this Jurisdiction a few years ago, and who is a member of our Grand Lodge and Secretary of the Conference of Grand Masters. Unfortunately, another engagement had prevented Brother Mohr from being with us. He has promised to come back to Saskatchewan at some later date. In concluding his letter he states:

"The presence of your Grand Master and Grand Secretary in Washington each February is a Masonic MUST."

As a result of our connection with this Association of Grand Masters, our Grand Lodge has available the full report of the many interesting and helpful discussions, and the future leaders of the Craft in Saskatchewan will have available to them this record of the Masonic trend throughout the continent.

On the 22nd of April, I attended the celebration by Vermilion Lodge at Vermilion, Alberta, of their Fortieth Anniversary, to which I had been honoured by an invitation to act as the guest speaker. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Alberta was kind enough to approve of this invitation and to send a message of congratulations to the Lodge and of good wishes to me.

I attended a number of meetings during the year in which they were benefitted by the attendance of numbers of Brethren from the Province of Alberta, or from our good neighbours of the State of Montana to the south. These included the District Meeting at Climax, Saskatchewan; the Constitution of Glentworth Lodge No. 201; the Dedication of the Temple of Lonach Lodge No. 182, at Marsden; also Britannia Lodge No. 23, at Lloydminster; Landmark Lodge No. 44, at Lashburn; and Meridian Lodge No. 83 at Macklin.

NECROLOGY

"He cannot die who truly lives,
For virtue has immortal breath;
'Tis but the sowing of the grain
Which blossoms into life again
And finds perfectness in its death."

Since our last Communication we have had the unusually happy experience that no member of our family of Past Grand Masters and no Officer of this Grand Lodge has come under the attention of the Grim Reaper.

In the fall of the year our fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful, the National Grand Lodge of Denmark and our contact with the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge was again renewed after the war years which had brought so much suffering to our Brethren in Denmark and so much responsibility and loss of power and dignity to our aged and royal Brother. Almost immediately after the freeing of Denmark, efforts re-commenced to re-establish Freemasonry with the effectiveness and dignity that it had previously enjoyed. In April of 1947 our Most Worshipful Brother, who had lived to see his country under the heel of the Nazi and to see it released and Freemasonry again established, surrendered the compasses of his office and passed to the Grand Lodge above. Suitable messages of sympathy to our Brethren were dispatched from the office of our Grand Secretary.

Other distinguished Brethren in our Sister Grand Jurisdictions of the world have during the year passed on and I am now listing such as have come to the notice of this Grand Lodge:

Alberta—Albert Edward Ottewell, Deputy Grand Master; Thomas Frederick English, Past Grand Master; Edward Thomas Bishop, Past Grand Master.

Arizona—John Joseph Sweeney, Past Grand Master.

Colorado—John Andrew, Past Grand Master; Edward Charles Hanley, Grand Treasurer.

Delaware—George Duffy, Past Grand Master; Clarence A. Short, Past Grand Master.

England (United Grand Lodge of)—Earl of Harewood, Grand Master.

Idaho—Byron S. Defenbach, Past Grand Master.

Illinois—Dan DeBaugh, Past Grand Master.

Iowa—Charles Silvan Percival, Past Grand Master; Frank B. Whitaker, Past Grand Master; Ford Laflin Van Hoesen, Past Grand Master.

Kentucky—Colonel Frank Dillman Rash, Past Grand Master.

Louisiana—Wynne Grey Rogers, Past Grand Master; Emil Sundbery, Past Grand Master; John Carlton Ayers, Past Grand Master; Leon Samuel Haas, Past Grand Master.

Maine—Cyrus Nathan Blanchard, Past Grand Master.

Mississippi—Robert Alexander Carson, Past Grand Master.

Montana—Francis Doremus Jones, Past Grand Master.

Nevada—Edward A. Ducker, Past Grand Master; Thomas Lindsay, Past Grand Master.

Oregon—William Jasper Kerr, Past Grand Master.

Tennessee—Samuel C. Brown, Past Grand Master; Howell E. Jackson, Past Grand Master.

Texas—Frank Hartgraves, Past Grand Master.

Virginia—Braxton Davenport Gibson, Past Grand Master.

Washington—William Allen Fairweather, Past Grand Master.

Wyoming—William W. Daley, Grand Treasurer.

We extend to our Sister Grand Jurisdictions our deepest sympathy in the loss of these distinguished Brethren. Suitable reference will be made by the Committee on Necrology to those of our own Brethren who, since our last Communication, have passed from our midst.

“Life was not made for gladness nor for tears
But framed for service. Faith doth forever cling
To better morrows. Swift comes the night,
But surely glows the dawn. Then shall we know
The joy of life well spent in strengthening the right.”

APPOINTMENTS

I have had the pleasure and the privilege of making the following appointments on the recommendation of the Grand Lodges to whom they were appointed:

His Majesty, the King of Denmark and Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, submitted the name of Brother Alex Troedsson, Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, for appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the National Grand Lodge of Denmark and I had much pleasure in appointing this distinguished Brother as our Representative.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland submitted the name of Right Worshipful Brother Nathaniel Jumna Langtry for appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which appointment I was pleased to make.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma submitted the name of Worshipful Brother William Earle Goode for appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and, again, I was pleased to make this appointment.

I recommended the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and the appointment was duly made by the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

On the recommendation of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of France (National) I approved the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother G. H. Hargreaves as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge National of France.

At the same time, I recommended to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France (National) the appointment of Worshipful Brother F. Hedley Auld as their representative near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

I was invited to attend the unveiling of a memorial in the Regina Masonic Temple to our late much beloved Most Worshipful Brother, Francis B. Reilly, the ceremony to take place at the regular meeting of Wascana Lodge No. 2 to be held on Tuesday, May 6, 1947. I understand that the memorial was being presented to the Masonic Temple Company and that the unveiling was to be made by the present District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother E. S. Weeks, one of the senior Brethren of the district. I regretted being unable to be present and appointed Right Worshipful Brother Weeks to represent me on the occasion. Few made a greater contribution to Freemasonry in this Province in their day than Frank Reilly.

DISPENSATIONS AND RULINGS

During the course of my year I directed the issue of a good many dispensations which were of a formal type and which I do not feel would greatly concern this Grand Lodge, although, at the time they were important for the welfare of the Craft in some individual Lodge. I am shortly outlining the facts surrounding those dispensations which I believe should be brought to the attention of the Craft.

On an application through the Grand Secretary from St. George Lodge No. 136, I ruled that an applicant who had lived most of his life at Moose Jaw, but through inability to get a home there, was temporarily residing in Regina with the intention of moving back to Moose Jaw as soon as he could get a home there, was resident in Moose Jaw within the definition of the Constitution for the purpose of giving jurisdiction to a Moose Jaw Lodge to receive his application.

Following an approved ruling, I ruled that Lodge funds should not be used for purposes other than those authorized and that these did not include contributions to the Shrine in its care for crippled children and had the following circular sent out from the Grand Secretary's office to all Lodges:

October 3rd, 1946.

To the Worshipful Masters, Officers and
Brethren of Constituent Lodges:

Brethren:

The M. W. the Grand Master has instructed me to advise Lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan that it has been officially brought to his attention that requests for the contribution of money by Lodges for the extension and support of the work of the Shrine

in its care of crippled children have been made of recent times and that some Lodges have contributed from their Lodge funds for this work.

His information is that these requests have come either from the Shrine itself, or from bodies claiming to be auxiliary to or in some way associated with the Shrine.

The Grand Master has instructed me to direct that this is not a proper use for Lodge funds. He personally has every sympathy with the objective of the Shrine in this matter, and admiration for the work that they do and it may well be that the individual Mason may make such contribution as he considers proper but it is not a matter for the granting of Lodge funds.

Fraternally yours,

ROBT. A. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

On a subsequent request for a ruling, I ruled that contributions to such purposes as the Saskatchewan Tuberculosis League, The British and Foreign Bible Society, the Red Cross, and the Orange Benevolent Society for Orphans, for the Cancer Clinic and other such meritorious claims, were not suitable for the use of Lodge funds.

On a later request for a ruling as to the right of a Lodge to invest funds in a local community enterprise, I ruled that it was a matter for the Lodge to decide, that the Lodge should decide it entirely in the interest of the Lodge and of the Lodge alone, that these were trust funds, that the first consideration was security, and the second, the return to be received. I suggested that the greatest care be taken to see that those making the decision were not overpowered by local patriotism.

The same matter arose again on a request for a ruling as to whether it was proper to contribute Lodge funds for the purpose of furnishing a hospital ward, to be known as a Masonic Ward, and which would be available for the use of Brethren. I ruled that it was governed by approved ruling 40 at page 100 of the Constitution and disapproved of the use of Lodge funds for this purpose. I was moved, in part, to make this ruling by the fact that this was not a matter of Masonic benevolence, as all citizens secure free hospitalization and therefore the contribution would be to all alike, whether wealthy or impoverished, and would, on final analysis, be a contribution to the hospital and not for Masonic benevolence.

Re: York Lodge No. 157 and Hudson Bay Lodge No. 200:

Two applications for a ruling came to me, one from each of the above Lodges, dealing with invasions of our jurisdiction, the one by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the one by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. I followed, in part, a ruling made by Most Worshipful Brother Branion in his year as Grand Master, which was not specifically referred to in the report of the Committee on his address, and accordingly has not been carried forward as an approved ruling. It appeared that the initiation fee paid in each of these jurisdictions by the two Brothers was considerably less than in Saskatchewan. The two Brothers were members of the armed forces at the time that they were initiated in these two jurisdictions. Following Most Worshipful Brother Branion, I directed that a petition for affiliation could be entertained only upon the Lodge to whom the petition was presented making a complete and thorough investigation by a Character Committee and attaching their report to the petition, and that an application be then made for a dispensation healing the irregularity of the initiation of the Brother with the regular charge therefore.

I directed that the Lodge to which each petition was directed should have the right to decide whether the applicant must pay the difference to them of their initiation fee over the initiation fee paid by him to the other jurisdiction.

In the case of York Lodge, I was informed that the Brother in question was having his degrees completed by a Manitoba Lodge, not one in Saskatchewan, and that they might take him in by affiliation. I directed that in that case the action of Manitoba's Lodge would not be recognized in this jurisdiction and that neither of these Brethren would be entitled to visit in this jurisdiction until the irregularity has been healed by a dispensation granted in this jurisdiction.

I was called upon to settle a dispute as to jurisdiction between two of our Lodges over a Brother who had been initiated but had not, at the time, received his other Degrees. I found that the Brother in question had been wrongly accepted by the Lodge against whom the complaint was filed, and properly was in the jurisdiction of the Lodge complaining. I directed the offending Lodge to apologize to the injured Lodge and to the Grand Lodge for this invasion. I directed that no further Degrees be conferred on the Brother in question until the irregularity of his initiation was healed and suggested to the offending Lodge that they request the other Lodge to waive jurisdiction over this Brother so that I, or my successor might be in a position to heal the irregularity of his initiation. The offending Lodge has made ample apologies for the invasion of the neighboring jurisdiction, both to the offended Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and has requested the waiver. The apology has been accepted by the offended Lodge, a waiver made by them, and a Dispensation granted, healing the proceedings to date. The whole matter arose through the offending Lodge making their own interpretation of the Constitution without checking the approved rulings and I would urge that these approved rulings should be a matter of constant study by Masters and Secretaries.

In a number of instances it came to the attention of our Grand Secretary, and through him to me, that Lodges had passed or raised candidates without sufficient time elapsing after their previous Degree. Dispensations were later granted by me healing these irregularities in every case that came to my attention, on the assurance of the officers of each individual Lodge that the offence took place through inadvertence and would not be repeated. I am especially mentioning these, as such slips are all too common, and for the purpose of bringing to the Brethren, especially Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, the fact that there is no assurance that Grand Masters will continue to heal these breaches without disciplinary action being taken against the Lodges involved.

On a reference from Landis Lodge No. 115, I ruled that where the Master believed that a motion was out of order, it was his duty to so declare it and not allow himself to be over-ruled on a motion passed by the Brethren.

I directed that demits be granted on payment of all outstanding dues to Grand Lodge from Brethren who had belonged to defunct Lodges.

On a request for direction as to the conduct of the Master where in a small community a fire alarm sounds and a number of the Brethren were members of the fire brigade, I directed that at least the Volume of the Sacred Law be closed, and the Brethren directed to re-assemble after the emergency has passed, for the completion of the business. At that time the Master could table uncompleted business if the hour and the small return attendance of the Brethren rendered this advisable, but the Lodge must be formally closed.

On a request for a ruling with reference to the election of officers in a Lodge where, after a number of ballots, a clear majority cannot be obtained, I directed that in the discretion of the Worshipful Master, after at least two such ballots for the one office, the Worshipful Master could request information from the Chairman of the Scrutineers as to the number of names being balloted on, and he could ask for a motion of the Lodge that the names of those being balloted on, other than the one having the lowest number of votes, should be read out in alphabetical order by the Chairman of the Board

of Scrutineers and the ballot proceed, that after subsequent ballots the same procedure might be adopted until a clear majority was obtained by one of the Brethren. I ruled that it was improper that there be a motion that a name be dropped or that the vote in any way be restricted to those named by the Chairman of the Board of Scrutineers on any ballot.

If I were to be approached for the same ruling now, I would rule that it was within the power of the Master to direct that the scrutineer read out the names, other than the one having the lowest vote, in alphabetical order, without any vote from the Lodge, on the principal that the Master rules the Lodge.

During the District Meetings of 1946, the Grand Secretary, with my approval, brought to the attention of the Brethren in each district the facts concerning two cases where serious injustice was done to two applicants through the failure of the Master and Wardens to follow the provisions of the Constitution and the approved work in the balloting, and which were referred to by Most Worshipful Brother Hayes last year, and it was hoped that this publicity would prevent further mistakes of the kind that was then made.

However, in a matter that was brought before me for attention, one of our very old Lodges, with an excellent reputation as far as the conduct of the Lodge is concerned, apparently was still using cubes instead of black balls, contrary to instructions and rulings, and an applicant was rejected when there was only one black cube, and subsequently a member advised the Master that he had made a mistake in balloting and had cast this black cube. Following the precedent set by my immediate predecessor, I directed that a dispensation issue for the holding of a fresh ballot on this application and that it appear on the notice for the next regular meeting, when a fresh ballot would be taken. I directed the Grand Secretary to draw the attention of the Secretary of this Lodge to the breach of the provisions of Section 161 by the said member in disclosing how he had voted, for the future guidance of him and the Lodge.

I directed, on a request for instruction, that the interest of a Lodge in the fund previously collected by Grand Lodge for the Grand Master's fund, and which had been authorized to be used for the purposes of rehabilitation, must be restricted to that purpose and could not be used by the Lodge for the purposes of General Benevolence.

During the year, I have refused to approve new by-laws for two of our Lodges, and amendments of those of another, all on the same grounds, namely:

Firstly, they were encumbered with a recitation of matters already covered by the Constitution, the Installation Service, the authorized "Work," Approved Rulings, and other Jurisprudence of the Order; and

Secondly, that in many ways they invaded the Master's and Warden's prerogative to rule the Lodge.

I ruled that it was improper to repeat portions of the authorized jurisprudence of the Order as legislated by Grand Lodge and provided by the Custodians of the "Work" and that in this respect, where Grand Lodge had, by its action, or that of its approved committees, taken over a field in connection with the government of the Craft and had not specifically authorized the Lodges by by-law to legislate in any portion of that field, that it was improper for the Lodges to invade such field.

I held that it was beyond the power of the Lodge to control the Master or the Wardens in ruling the Lodge, except only insofar as Grand Lodge, by its Constitution or other Jurisprudence, had specifically permitted such an invasion.

I refused a dispensation waiving the requirements of the "Work" so far as the proving of the proficiency of a candidate is concerned before being passed or raised and of this being done in open Lodge. In the case in

question, the Brother had difficulty in memorizing. I ruled that it was for the Brethren of the Lodge to decide as to whether they were satisfied with his proficiency and that proficiency could be shown, not only by his ability to memorize, but by proof of a real understanding and realization of what he should have received from the previous Degree and that if properly instructed he should be able to do this to the satisfaction of the Brethren of his Lodge.

I also ruled in the same case, that there was nothing to prevent the Brother remaining as an Entered Apprentice indefinitely if he so desired, when he would have all the rights of Masonry except those of sitting in Lodge of either of the next higher Degrees, or such as might, by Constitution, be restricted to Master Masons, but that if he insisted, a demit should be granted.

In the same matter, I ruled that the Brother had no right to demand a refund of any part of his fees.

Re: Landis Lodge Number 115:

The following case was referred to me for instruction. A candidate had applied to this Lodge, a motion was passed on the 13th of March, 1946, that the candidate be advised that this could not be acted on for some time and that the candidate be advised that he might withdraw his application or leave it to be acted on later. This motion was not brought to the candidate's attention. Some time after, the committee returned the application to the Lodge unsigned and the Master then appointed a fresh committee, who reported favourably. The candidate was balloted on and rejected. The main question was, whether the Secretary had been right in following the Master's instructions not to bring the first motion to the attention of the candidate. I ruled that the matter was no longer of interest. The first committee had, by returning the petition without a report, in effect asked to be relieved, that the Master had acted within his powers in appointing a fresh committee and that the candidate was properly rejected.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have found that the Grand Lodge is using as a convenience for Lodges under dispensation and a sample for Lodges drafting by-laws, a form which, in my opinion, offends against the principles that I have previously set out and upon which I refused to approve amendments to by-laws of three Chartered Lodges. I have found in these and in the by-laws of many Chartered Lodges matters which, I believe, would properly be included in a manual for Masters to assist Masters in the well-ruling and governing of their Lodges. In my opinion such a manual should be prepared by, or under the authority of, this Grand Lodge rather than by the individual Lodges and should be strictly for the guidance of Masters and not for the control of their actions.

I would recommend that the draft by-laws at present in use be revised to exclude all matters not proper for the legislation of the Lodge and that a committee be appointed for this purpose and to draft for the approval of this Grand Lodge a manual for the assistance of Masters in the well-ruling and governing of their Lodges.

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Re: Brother T. N:

As part of the unfinished business of my Most Worshipful predecessor's year I had left with me for attention the matter of the conviction of a Brother on a charge of un-Masonic conduct. He had been convicted at a Masonic Trial in his own Lodge on June 11, 1946, and appealed therefrom to the Grand Lodge. His appeal was too late to be considered at our session in 1946, and was referred to in my report as Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and on the adoption of that report, was referred to me as the incoming Grand Master.

I took under consideration the charge referred to me and after full inquiry, quashed the conviction.

Later further charges were laid against him and to try these I appointed a Commission consisting of Most Worshipful Brother N. R. Craig, Moose Jaw; Right Worshipful Brother D. A. McMillan, Lacadena; and Right Worshipful Brother J. C. Cram, Woodrow.

The Commission found the charges proven and sentenced the Brother to indefinite suspension from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

I wish to thank the members of the Commission who, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, honoured my appointment and gave such diligent and careful attention to the difficult and involved problem which was before them.

Another matter of unfinished business passed on by the Grand Lodge at its last regular Communication was in connection with finding Grand Lodge quarters due to the service of a notice of cancellation of lease by the landlord of the Masonic Temple in Regina. The Board of General Purposes recommended to Grand Lodge that a building committee be appointed by the Grand Master to co-operate with the Finance Committee in providing permanent quarters for the Grand Lodge offices, either in conjunction with other organizations or on our own, and that for this purpose they might undertake, on behalf of Grand Lodge, an expenditure not exceeding \$30,000.00. Most Worshipful Brother Douglas Fraser was added to the Finance Committee in the interim to arrange for temporary quarters in the present building or elsewhere, as might be convenient or advisable.

Following the instructions of Grand Lodge I appointed the following committee:

Most Worshipful Brother N. R. Craig, of Moose Jaw, in the place of

Most Worshipful Brother Allan Brooks who was unable to act.

Most Worshipful Brother Robt. Young, of Prince Albert.

Most Worshipful Brother Douglas Fraser, of Regina.

Right Worshipful Brother A. F. McFaul, of Zealandia.

Right Worshipful Brother W. H. Hart, of Weyburn.

Worshipful Brother C. G. Schmitt, of Saskatoon.

This Committee was to act in conjunction with the Finance Committee. I attended one meeting of this joint committee and a report will be brought in from the Chairman thereof. Again, I thank those who were on this committee, which I sought to make representative of most sections of the province without being too cumbersome so far as numbers were concerned, for their attendance and the efforts that they made. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge continue through a committee to endeavour to make permanent arrangements for the Grand Lodge offices.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

To all the officers of the past year; to all of the Past Grand Masters who have, without exception, supported me during the year in all that I sought to accomplish; to the members of the committees of the Board of General Purposes of our Grand Lodge, and particularly to the members of my own specially appointed committees, the committee on Masonic Education, the committee on Freemasonry and Youth, the Committee appointed to provide suitable quarters for our Grand Lodge; to the Commissions who I appointed and who served at my request, I say thank you. I can say no more, but to each and all of them, individually and collectively, I will be forever indebted, not only for the service that was their duty, but for the many helpful suggestions that were volunteered from time to time, the advice that at times steered my actions away from ill-considered dangers, and the kindly appreciation and encouragement that they, from time to time, expressed as to the efforts that I was seeking to make.

My thanks are also due to the Brethren of my own Lodge and District for the special effort that, through the year, they have made to hold up my hands in this high office; to Brother Robins and his staff for the continued high tone of, and excellent workmanship of The Tracing Board; to the Grand Secretary, my good friend Bob, to whom I am sure at many times I have been a considerable trial, for his unfailing assistance and sage advice, which was never pressed and only given when I requested it; to all the Brethren of the Province for their kindly hospitality; and finally, and far from least, to my good wife and the members of my family for their loving self-sacrifice that made possible such contribution as I have been able to make to the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION

As I stated above in my report on the District Meetings, my work for the year has been largely centered on the stimulation of Masonic Study. We have many unsolved problems in the world, in our Dominion, in the Province, and in our daily lives, many of which appear at the moment to be unsolvable. For these problems, Freemasonry brings only one solution, one that is yet to be tried, and that is the making into Brothers of all of those in the world who are capable of appreciating its teachings and who are attracted to its system and worthy of its membership.

The process of making those initiated into actual Masons is the process of education in the teachings of the Order, which those who have become students find intensely interesting for itself, but in which the ultimate objective of the improvement of mankind is never to be forgotten. We have a great mission, a stimulating opportunity, and the men with whom to work. If we fail, it is through our own neglect of the opportunities that are ours.

In essence, we are a society of builders applying the rules of building to the mental and moral lives of men and thereby to the world at large. Never has there been as much need for our service.

I am closing my report to this Grand Lodge with the same lines that I used in closing my address at the District Meetings.

Creation's Lord, we give thee thanks
That this Thy world is incomplete,
That battle calls our marshalled ranks,
That work awaits our hands and feet.
That Thou hast not yet finished man,
That we are in the making still,
As friends who share the Master's plan,
As sons who know the Father's will.
What though the Kingdom long delay,
And still with haughty foes must cope!
It gives us that for which we pray,
A field for toil and faith and hope.
Since what we chose is what we are,
And what we love we yet shall be,
The goal may ever shine afar,
The will to win it makes us free.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. L. CLINK, Grand Master.

GREETINGS AND REGRETS

Letters and telegrams were read from: M.W. Bros. J. W. Estev, T. W. Sutherland, C. P. Seeley, J. K. Irwin, Past Grand Masters; R. J. Bradley, F. P. Galbraith, Sam Harris, George F. Ellis, Honourary Past Grand Masters; R.W. Bro. Alex. Macrone, D.D.G.M. District No. 9; R.W. Bro. Roscoe C. Clark, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Illinois; V.W. Bros. J. Scott and J. E. Conn, Grand Stewards; and from the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Dakota, conveying greetings on behalf of said Grand Lodge.

Report of Grand Treasurer

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner, submitted the following report which, on motion of R.W. Bros. A. C. Garner and F. C. Wilson, was received and with the Report of the Auditor, referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

I have pleasure in submitting my report as your Treasurer and attach hereto statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March, 1947.

The details of the assistance payments from the Benevolent Fund will be found in the report of the President of the Board of Trustees.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS Year Ended 31st March, 1947

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash on hand 1st April, 1946	\$ 75.00
Cash in bank 1st April, 1946	7,574.46
	<u>\$ 7,649.46</u>

Dues and fees:

Membership dues	\$10,722.80
Initiation fees	4,372.00
Affiliation fees	167.00
Commuted life memberships	935.20
Past Masters' and other certificates	280.00
Arrears collected	5.20
Fees paid in advance	2 00
Re Non-existent Lodge No. 159	10.00
	<u>16,494.20</u>

General receipts:

Dispensations	\$ 424.00
Sale of supplies	1,297.05
Interest on bonds	957.08
Benevolent Fund grant	1,000.00
	<u>3,678.13</u>

\$27,821.79

Payments:

Salaries and Honoraria

Grand Secretary	\$3,300.00
Grand Treasurer	200.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Stenographer	1,306.48
Office assistance	850.20
Stenographer—Grand Lodge	3.68
Auditor	250.00
Committee on foreign correspondence	200.00
	<u>\$ 6,125.36</u>

Carried forward \$6,125.36 \$27,821.79

Brought forward	\$6,125.36	\$27,821.79
Travelling:		
D.D.G.M.'s	\$ 548.51	
Grand Master	814.56	
Grand Secretary	749.32	
Board of General Purposes	484.33	
General	252.25	
Conference of Western Grand Lodges	297.20	
		3,146.17
Office rental	\$1,380.00	
Unemployment insurance	50.25	
Printing proceedings	680.40	
Stationery and supplies	720.91	
Safety deposit box rental	5.00	
Postage and excise	730.06	
Post office box rental	8.00	
Relief	75.00	
Grand Master's regalia	232.01	
Superannuation—Grand Secretary	561.60	
Grand Lodge expense	333.33	
Retiring allowance—Hon. Grand Secretary	1 200.00	
Telephone and telegraph	170.52	
Light	35.95	
Flowers	29.11	
Cartage and express	80.81	
Sundry	318.11	
Bonding officers	12.50	
Dictaphone	744.60	
Dictaphone cabinet	10.20	
Filing cabinets	52.02	
Bonds purchased	2,043.90	
Constitutions purchased	1,949.81	
The "Work" purchased	330.75	
	11,754.84	
		21,026.37
		\$ 6,795.42
Cash on hand	\$ 100.20	
Cash in bank	6,695.22	
		6,795.42

BENEVOLENT FUND

Receipts:		
Cash on hand and in bank, 31st March, 1946	\$ 3,497.37	
Initiation levies	10,930.00	
Per capita tax	5,986.20	
Bank and bond interest	19,937.25	
Lodge contributions	141.04	
Collections on Fedyk agreement	140.42	
Arrears collected	3.20	
		\$40,635.48
Payments:		
Grant to General Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenses of Trustees	132.45	
Bank for custody of bonds	100.00	
Bonds purchased	20,124.45	
Assistance less refunds	14,750.95	
		36,107.85
Cash in bank 31st March, 1947		\$ 4,527.63

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Receipts:	
Cash in bank 31st March, 1946.....	\$ 1,085.79
Interest on bonds and savings.....	95.37
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Cash in bank 31st March, 1947.....	\$ 1,181.16
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REHABILITATION FUND

Receipts:	
Cash in bank, 31st March, 1946.....	\$18,404.60
Receipts for year.....	33.80
	<u> </u>
	\$18,438.40
Payments:	
Disbursements for year.....	731.40
	<u> </u>
Cash in bank 31st March, 1947.....	\$17,707.00
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TRACING BOARD ACCOUNT

Receipts:	
Cash in bank 31st March, 1946.....	\$ 3,338.85
Subscriptions received.....	2,092.70
	<u> </u>
	\$ 5,431.55
Payments:	
Printing, wrapping and mailing.....	\$ 1,729.05
	<u> </u>
Cash in bank 31st March, 1947.....	\$ 3,702.50
	<u> </u>

ELWOOD TRUST

Receipts:	
Cash in bank 31st March, 1946.....	\$ 174.47
Interest on bonds and savings.....	20.90
	<u> </u>
	\$ 195.37
Payments:	
Care of grave.....	12.15
	<u> </u>
Cash in bank 31st March, 1947.....	\$ 183.22
	<u> </u>

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. GARNER,
Grand Treasurer

Audited and found correct:

W. G. Smith, C.A.,
Auditor

Auditor's Report

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

I have audited the books and records of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year ended 31st March, 1947, and submit herewith the following Schedules and reports:

- Exhibit A—Balance Sheets
- Exhibit B—General Fund—Revenue and Expenditure account
- Exhibit C—Benevolent Fund, Educational Fund, Elwood Trust,
Tracing Board—Revenue and Expenditure accounts
- Exhibit D—Consolidated surplus account
- Exhibit E—Rehabilitation Fund
- Schedule A—Schedule of Investments

I have verified all investments shown on the balance sheet, either by examination thereof or by certificate of custody from The Royal Bank of Canada.

I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the balance sheets set forth correctly the affairs of the Grand Lodge as at 31st March, 1947, and the revenue and expenditure accounts show correctly the operations for the year, according to the information and explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Grand Lodge.

W. G. SMITH,
Chartered Accountant.

Regina, Saskatchewan,
25th April, 1947.

Exhibit A—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1947

GENERAL FUND

Assets:

Cash on hand and in bank—General Fund.....	\$ 6,795.22	
Tracing Board	3,702.50	
		<u>\$ 10,497.72</u>
Supplies for resale.....		1,504.23
Furniture and fixtures.....	\$ 2,380.00	
Regalia.....	825.00	
		<u>3,205.00</u>
Investments—Schedule A.....	\$ 22,661.50	
Accrued interest.....	278.00	
		<u>22,939.50</u>
		<u><u>\$ 38,146.45</u></u>

Liabilities:

Niblock trust.....	\$ 6.10	
Fees paid in advance.....	1.80	
TRACING BOARD		
Reserve for unearned subscriptions.....	\$ 1,575.00	
Surplus.....	2,127.50	
		<u>3,702.50</u>
Surplus.....		<u>34,436.05</u>
		<u><u>\$ 38,146.45</u></u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 4,527.63
Investments—Schedule A.....	\$433,870.06
Accrued interest.....	5,915.00
	<u>439,785.06</u>
	<u>\$444,312.69</u>

Liabilities:

Revenue surplus.....	\$ 33,373.10
Capital surplus.....	410,939.59
	<u>\$444,312.69</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 1,181.16
Advances to teachers.....	250.00
Investment—Schedule A.....	\$ 1,595.00
Accrued interest.....	3.75
	<u>1,598.75</u>
	<u>\$ 3,029.91</u>

Liabilities:

Surplus.....	\$ 3,029.91
	<u>\$ 3,029.91</u>

REHABILITATION FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	<u>\$ 17,707.00</u>
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Liabilities:

Scholarship trust.....	<u>\$ 17,707.00</u>
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ELWOOD TRUST

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 183.22
Investment—Schedule A.....	\$ 370.25
Accrued interest.....	8.00
	<u>378.25</u>
	<u>\$ 561.47</u>

Liabilities:

Elwood trust.....	\$ 561.47
	<u>\$ 561.47</u>

Exhibit B—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
Year Ended 31st March, 1947

GENERAL FUND

Revenue:

Dues and fees.....	\$16,492.60
Dispensation fees.....	424.00
Interest earned on bonds.....	925.68
Profit on sale of supplies.....	446.02
Grant from Benevolent Fund.....	1,000.00

\$19,288.30

Expenditure:

Salaries and honoraria—	
Grand Secretary.....	\$3,300.00
Grand Treasurer.....	200.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00
Stenographer.....	1,306.48
Office assistance.....	850.20
Committee on foreign correspondence.....	200.00
Stenographer—Grand Lodge.....	3.68
Auditor.....	250.00
	<u>\$6,125.36</u>

Travelling—

D.D.G.M.'s.....	\$ 548.51
Grand Master.....	814.56
Grand Secretary.....	749.32
Board of General Purposes.....	484.33
General.....	252.25
Conference of Western Grand Lodges.....	297.20
	<u>3,146.17</u>
Office rent.....	\$1,380.00
Unemployment insurance.....	50.25
Printing proceedings.....	680.40
Sundry stationery and supplies.....	767.73
Safety deposit box rental.....	5.00
Postage and excise.....	730.06
Post office box rental.....	8.00
Relief.....	75.00
Superannuation—Grand Secretary.....	561.60
Grand Master's regalia.....	232.01
Grand Lodge expense.....	333.33
Telephone and telegraph.....	170.52
Light.....	35.95
Flowers.....	29.11
Cartage and express.....	80.81
Sundry.....	283.79
	<u>5,423.56</u>

Depreciation—Furniture.....	\$ 213.82
Regalia.....	43.00
	<u>256.82</u>

Retiring allowance—Honorary Grand Secretary.....	1,200.00
	<u>16,151.91</u>

Surplus to consolidated surplus account.. \$ 3,136.39

Exhibit C—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31st March, 1947

BENEVOLENT FUND

Revenue:

Initiation levies	\$10,930.00
Per capita tax	5,989.60
Donations	141.04
Collection on Fedyk agreement	140.42
	<u>\$17,201.06</u>
Interest earned	18,117.07
	<u>\$35,318.13</u>

Expenditure:

Assistance less refunds	\$14,750.95
Grant to General Fund	1,000.00
Bank for custody of bonds	100.00
Expenses of Board of Trustees	132.45
	<u>\$15,983.40</u>
Transferred to Revenue surplus	\$ 2,133.87
Transferred to Capital surplus	17,200.86
	<u>19,334.73</u>
	<u>\$35,318.13</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Revenue:

Interest earned	<u>\$ 95.37</u>
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Expenditure:

Surplus for the year	<u>\$ 95.37</u>
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ELWOOD TRUST

Revenue:

Interest earned	<u>\$ 20.90</u>
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Expenditure:

Care of grave	\$ 12.15
Surplus for the year	8.75
	<u>\$ 20.90</u>

TRACING BOARD

Revenue:

Subscription revenue	<u>\$ 2,092.70</u>
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Expenditure:

Printing, wrapping and mailing	\$ 1,729.05
Surplus for the year	363.65
	<u>\$ 2,092.70</u>

Exhibit D—CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31st March, 1947

Balance 1st April, 1946	\$460,976.01
Net gain—Benevolent Fund—Capital	\$17,200.86
Benevolent Fund—Revenue	2,133.87
Tracing Board	363.65
General Fund	3,136.39
Educational Fund	95.37
	<u>22,930.14</u>
Total surplus 31st March, 1947	<u><u>\$483,906.15</u></u>

Exhibit E—REHABILITATION FUND
Year Ended 31st March, 1947

Balance 1st April, 1946	\$ 18,404.60
Received from Lodge No. 38 District 9	33.80
	<u>\$ 18,438.40</u>
Less: Disbursements	
King Solomon No. 58 District No. 10	\$ 78.20
Melville No. 62 District No. 10	81.86
St. Lukes No. 165 District No. 13	100.00
Hawarden No. 143 District No. 17	62.04
St. George No. 136 District No. 3	313.07
Chaplin No. 197 District No. 3	96.23
	<u>731.40</u>
Balance 31st March, 1947—Exhibit A	<u><u>\$ 17,707.00</u></u>

Schedule A—INVESTMENTS AS AT 31st MARCH, 1947

BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Saskatchewan Bonds:				Face Value	Book Value
4½%	1959	-----		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,680.50
5½%	1952	-----		2,000.00	1,868.00
4 %	1955-60	-----		8,000.00	5,837.60
4 %	1949-54	-----		4,000.00	3,125.00
4 %	1953-58	-----		17,000.00	13,729.76
3¼%	1962	-----		2,500.00	2,454.00
4 %	1957	-----		1,000.00	752.40
4½%	1957	-----		7,400.00	7,035.60
4 %	1949	-----	£200		980.82
5 %	1954	-----		51,000.00	46,622.30
4½%	1955	-----		8,000.00	8,480.60
5 %	1960	-----		1,700.00	1,963.60
5 %	1960	-----		96,400.00	96,622.55
5 %	1958	-----		28,000.00	23,753.48
4 %	1955-60	-----		16,000.00	12,502.00
6 %	1952	-----		16,000.00	15,559.25
4 %	1951	-----	£582		2,789.91
Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds:					
3 %	1954-59	C.N.R.	-----	2,000.00	1,945.00
3 %	1948-52	C.N.R.	-----	3,000.00	2,925.00
5 %	1954	C.N.R.	-----	40,500.00	43,321.00
4½%	1956	C.N.R.	-----	5,000.00	5,185.00
3 %	1962	G.T.P.	-----	£400	1,954.68
Dominion of Canada Bonds:					
3 %	1957	-----		6,000.00	6,000.00
3 %	1960	-----		7,500.00	7,500.00
3 %	1959	-----		5,500.00	5,506.00
3 %	1951	-----		4,500.00	4,500.00
4½%	1948-58	-----		1,000.00	1,010.00
3¼%	1951	-----		3,000.00	2,970.00
3 %	1953-58	-----		3,000.00	2,970.00
3¼%	1956-66	-----		1,000.00	990.00
3¼%	1948-52	-----		3,000.00	3,000.00
3 %	1956	-----		6,000.00	6,000.00
3 %	1954	-----		1,000.00	1,000.00
3 %	Perp.	Callable after 1966	-----	5,000.00	4,825.00
3 %	Perp.	-----		3,000.00	2,651.25
3 %	1962	-----		10,000.00	10,000.00

Schedule A—INVESTMENTS AS AT 31st MARCH, 1947—Continued

		Face Value	Book Value
Brought Forward.....	£1,182	\$371,500.00	\$361,010.30
Dominion of Canada Bonds (Cont.)			
3 % 1966.....		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
3 % 1963.....		10,000.00	10,000.00
3½ % 1948 War Savings Certificates		600.00	480.00
Sundry Bonds:			
6½ % 1951 City of Regina.....		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,045.00
5 % 1957 City of Regina.....		3,000.00	3,010.00
5 % 1959 City of Regina.....		5,000.00	4,875.00
4½ % 1959 City of Saskatoon.....		10,000.00	8,758.00
5 % 1959 City of Saskatoon.....		1,000.00	950.50
5 % 1961 City of Saskatoon.....		21,000.00	19,995.00
6 % 1952 City of Saskatoon.....		1,000.00	1,030.00
3 % 1960 City of Moose Jaw.....		2,000.00	1,960.60
4 % 1966 City of Prince Albert.....		12,166.66	6,691.66
6½ % 1951 Regina School District.....		2,000.00	2,064.00
	£1,182	\$452,266.66	\$433,870.66

GENERAL FUND

5½ % 1952 Province of Saskatchewan.....	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,195.00
4 % 1955-60 Province of Saskatchewan.....	10,500.00	10,582.00
4 % 1958 Province of Saskatchewan.....	2,000.00	2,051.50
4½ % 1957 Province of Saskatchewan F.L.....	1,000.00	1,039.00
4 % 1960 Province of Saskatchewan.....	1,000.00	1,008.00
5 % 1960 Province of Saskatchewan.....	400.00	455.00
3 % 1966 Dominion of Canada.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
3 % 1962 G.T.P. Dominion of Canada		
	£100	322.00
5 % 1957 City of Regina.....	2,000.00	2,009.00
	£100	\$ 22,400.00
		\$ 22,661.50

EDUCATIONAL FUND

4½ % 1960 Province of Saskatchewan.....	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,595.00
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ELWOOD TRUST

4 % 1960 Province of Saskatchewan.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 370.25
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Grand Secretary's Report

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, submitted the following report which, on motion of R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate and W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

My annual report as Grand Secretary is presented herewith:

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Grand Master and I, in conformity with the practice of previous years, developed a programme and itinerary for the annual District Meetings (see Appendix). The programme called for an afternoon and evening session. Your Grand Secretary attended all District Meetings and at the afternoon session, as a member of the Board of Custodians of The Work, directed the exemplification of balloting; reception, circumambulation, and approach to the Altar in the F.C. Degree; Grand Honours; Funeral Honours; collecting P.G. and P.W. in opening exercises; and gave instruction in the Board of Installed Masters. At the evening session I conducted a Masonic Quiz using a list of questions that I had prepared on the F.C. Degree and the Constitution.

In connection with the tour of District Meetings, I assisted the Grand Master in Constituting and Consecrating Glentworth Lodge No. 201, Glentworth, Sask., on July 12th, 1946.

PROCEEDINGS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

Immediately after the close of the 40th Annual Communication, the proceedings were compiled and copy submitted to printer. Once again we found that the printers, as a result of difficulties over which they had no control, were unable to make delivery as promptly as we had hoped. However the proceedings came to hand and copies were immediately mailed to all Lodges, Officers of Grand Lodge, members of the Board of General Purposes and all Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal correspondence, on September 21st.

The mimeographing and printing and sending out of lists of Suspensions, Rejections and Restorations; Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution; the notice calling the 41st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; letters of instruction and information with reference to District Meetings, Semi-Annual Returns, meeting of instruction for D.D.G.Ms.; received prompt and careful attention.

Commissions to fill vacancies as Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodges of Maine, Oklahoma, United Grand Lodge of Queensland and the National Grand Lodge of Denmark were prepared and issued as indicated in the Address of the Grand Master.

A Charter for Glentworth Lodge No. 201, Certificates for elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, 50-year Membership Certificates, one thousand and forty-seven (1047) Master Mason Certificates, one hundred and twenty-seven (127) Past Master's certificates and one hundred and fifty-seven (157) Life Membership certificates were prepared and issued as required.

The Committee on Printing and Supplies authorized the purchase of a dictaphone. This additional office equipment is of untold value in your Grand Lodge office. It is now possible to dictate a large portion of the correspondence out of office hours thus giving your Grand Secretary considerably

more time to devote to Brethren who call in the office to discuss Lodge affairs and Lodge problems. In addition to this it gives my staff more time to dispose of their work, as it eliminates the time that was previously taken up with personal dictation, and thus greatly increases the efficiency of the office.

Work on the development of the Card Index of our Grand Lodge register is proceeding, as time permits. The filing equipment for this card index has not as yet been received from the manufacturers but it is expected to come to hand at an early date.

A Christmas Message from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary was prepared and appeared in the December issue of the Tracing Board.

The work of the office is up-to-date.

DISPENSATIONS

The following Special Dispensations have been issued by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master.

To attend Divine Service wearing regalia: 51
 To Elect, Install, or Elect and Install at date other than as set: 38
 To transact all regular business at time other than as set by Bylaw: 10
 To act on petition from without Jurisdiction of Lodge: 4
 To receive and act on petition from applicant not physically perfect: 3
 To confer degrees short of time: 6
 To confer Life Membership without Constitutional requirements: 15
 To heal irregularity of Degrees conferred short of time: 3
 To form new Lodges: 2
 To extend six months period in which initiation to take place: 3
 To hold regular meeting in place other than named in Charter: 1
 To overcome twelve months residence qualifications: 1
 To deal with a petition without Constitutional lapse of twelve months from the date on which the Petition was declared rejected: 1

REGALIA REPLACEMENT

The Grand Junior Warden's regalia, like the majority of the Grand Lodge regalia, had become completely worn out and was replaced, on authorization from the Committee on Printing and Supplies, with a new suit of regalia.

RETURNS

The following is a synopsis compiled from the Semi-Annual Returns for August 1946, and February 1947:

Total membership February 28th, 1946	14,066
Membership, February 28th, 1946 on whom G. L. dues payable	12,818
Add—Initiated	1,093
Affiliated	167
Restored	100
Charter Members Lodges U. D.	39
	1,399
Deduct—Demitted	323
Suspended	82
Deaths	149
Commuted Life Members	153
	707
Membership, February 28th, 1947 on whom G.L. dues payable	13,510
Commuted Life Members, February 28th, 1946	1,248
Added during year	153
Deaths, Commuted Life Members	34
	1,367
Total Membership, February 28th, 1947	14,877
Net Gain	811
Total number of Chartered Lodges	199

TOTAL INITIATES — NET LOSS, NET GAIN

The following table is compiled from the records of Grand Lodge.

	Total Initiates	Net Loss	Net Gain
1926.....	660	---	122
1927.....	778	---	515
1928.....	646	---	237
1929.....	697	---	373
1930.....	603	---	234
1931.....	400	---	24
1932.....	217	353	---
1933.....	198	530	---
1934.....	151	490	---
1935.....	169	476	---
1936.....	193	224	---
1937.....	253	169	---
1938.....	245	179	---
1939.....	265	144	---
1940.....	295	124	---
1941.....	337	86	---
1942.....	315	83	---
1943.....	380	---	55
1944.....	637	---	401
1945.....	961	---	771
1946.....	1,028	---	765
1947.....	1,093	---	811

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All fees, dues, etc., owing to Grand Lodge for the year ended March 31st, 1947, have been paid.

The following is a summary of the financial transactions of the office:

Receipts—General Fund.....	\$20,172.13
Benevolent Fund.....	37,406.91
Educational Fund.....	95.37
Elwood Trust.....	20.90
Rehabilitation Fund.....	33.80
Tracing Board.....	2,092.70
	<u>\$59,821.81</u>
Deposits—General Fund.....	\$20,172.13
Benevolent Fund.....	37,406.91
Educational Fund.....	95.37
Elwood Trust.....	20.90
Rehabilitation Fund.....	33.80
Tracing Board.....	2,092.70
	<u>\$59,821.81</u>

The Benevolent Fund receipts listed above include the following voluntary contributions: Mossbank Lodge No. 129, \$30.00; O. F. Springer, Kindersley, \$5.00; Gothic Lodge No. 105, \$44.16; Battle Lodge No. 19, \$20.00; Macrorie Lodge No. 191, \$24.23; Sceptre Lodge No. 140, \$17.65. They also include an amount of \$268.55, being refunds of grafts.

FIFTY YEAR GOLD BUTTONS

The required proof of fifty years' membership having been filed with the office, buttons were issued to Lodges as indicated herewith:

To Wascana Lodge No. 2 for presentation to Brother W. A. Thomson.
To Wascana Lodge No. 2 for presentation to W. Brother Charles Gillard.
To Wascana Lodge No. 2 for presentation to W. Brother J. R. Pollock.
To Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9 for presentation to Brother Warren McKinstry.
To Estevan Lodge No. 25 for presentation to Brother A. B. Stuart.
To Assiniboia Lodge No. 49 for presentation to Brother Frank Dymott.
To Simpson Lodge No. 121 for presentation to Brother George Karr.
To Meyronne Lodge No. 128 for presentation to Brother William Barber.

THE TRACING BOARD

The assembling of the material, proof-reading, supervision of distribution and general administrative work pertaining to the publication of "The Tracing Board" received prompt and careful attention.

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN CANADIAN GRAND LODGES

In company with the Grand Master, Immediate Past Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, I attended the Sixth Annual Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges in Banff, Alberta, on September 5th, 6th, and 7th. There were five representatives from Manitoba, seven from British Columbia, seven from Alberta and special representatives from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the province of Ontario, the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Oregon, Washington, North Dakota and Montana.

The 1946 Conference was one of the most instructive and valuable Conferences that has yet taken place. It was presided over by Most Worshipful Brother Fred C. Hayes, Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. A special Peace Meeting preceded the opening of the Conference. The special representatives from the Grand Lodges in the United States expressed themselves as considering the Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges being one of the most constructive and educational Masonic gatherings that it had ever been their privilege to attend. Western Canadian Freemasonry has every right to be proud of the work being done by their Conference.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA — WASHINGTON, D.C.

In company with the Grand Master, I attended the Annual Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in Washington, D.C., on February 19th, 20th, and 21st. I found the Grand Secretary's Conference of particular value. Attendance at this Conference afforded me the opportunity of coming in personal contact with my fellow Grand Secretaries from the various Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada. Correspondence as between your Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretaries of Sister Jurisdictions throughout the North American Continent will now be carried on with much better understanding and efficiency as a result of our knowing each other personally. Questions of vital importance to the Craft were discussed at the Conference. Valuable first hand information on Foreign Relations was given the Conference by M.W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. Attendance at this Conference broadened my acquaintance, provided me with much valuable Masonic information and was the source of very real inspiration.

VISITATIONS

The following functions were, during the year, attended by your Grand Secretary officially:

On September 26th, 1946, the official opening of the new Lodge quarters of Wapella Lodge No. 37. Your Grand Secretary delivered the address of the evening.

On October 17th, 1946, the first "Youth Night" of Nipawin Lodge No. 183. Thirty-two young guests were present. Following a ceremony in the Lodge Room a banquet was held at which your Grand Secretary was guest speaker.

On October 18th, 1946, a meeting arranged by Carrot River Lodge No. 69, Kinistino and attended by members, their wives and sons and daughters. Your Grand Secretary as guest speaker delivered an address on "Democracy and Freemasonry."

On November 19th, 1946, the annual "Father and Son" night of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3. As speaker of the evening your Grand Secretary delivered an address directed primarily to the boys.

On December 6th, 1946, the Sixtieth Anniversary of Moosomin Lodge No. 7, which took the form of a banquet and social evening. Presentations were made to Brother W. Pennington, treasurer and a member for fifty-one years and to Brother Joseph T. Johnson, a member for fifty-two years. Your Grand Secretary delivered an address of general Masonic interest.

On December 19th, 1946, an Installation Dinner, Concert and Dance of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 and Imperial Lodge No. 60, Saskatoon, three hundred and fifty members and ladies were in attendance. Right Worshipful Brother W. H. Moor, Grand Junior Warden, acted as chairman and your Grand Secretary delivered the address of the evening.

On May 1st, 1947, the regular meeting of Battle Lodge No. 19 at Battleford when Brothers Wilfred Henry Turpin, John Fraser McGillivray and William Livingstone Clink (son of the Grand Master) were raised to the Third Degree. The Grand Master raised his son, Brother William Livingstone Clink, and your Grand Secretary shared in the work of the Degree and delivered an address in presenting the newly raised Brethren with their Master Mason certificates.

On May 6th, 1947 the regular meeting of Wascana Lodge No. 2, Regina, when tribute was paid to the memory and the Masonic contribution of the late Most Worshipful Brother Francis B. Reilly.

On May 28th, 1947 a special meeting of Prince Albert Lodge No. 63, in honour of Most Worshipful Brother Mark Musk. Your Grand Secretary in proposing the toast to Most Worshipful Brother Musk reviewed the Masonic life and work of our distinguished Brother and drew attention to the opportunity for service provided by Freemasonry to its membership.

In addition to the foregoing, I attended a large number of meetings in Regina and at outside points. As a result of the very heavy work in the Grand Lodge Office, I was unable to accept invitations to numerous other meetings equally as important and deserving of attendance.

GRAND MASTER'S REHABILITATION FUND

The amount standing to the credit of this Fund as at May 15th, 1947, is \$17,707.00.

An amount of \$33.80 was received from Ekapo Lodge No. 38, at Broadview.

Disbursements since June 1st, 1946, are as follows:

King Solomon, No. 58.....	\$ 78.20
Melville, No. 62.....	81.86

St. Luke's, No. 165.....	100.00
Hawarden, No. 143.....	62.04
St. George, No. 136.....	313.07
Chaplin, No. 197.....	96.23

CONCLUSION

It is my privilege to report a net gain in membership of eight hundred and eleven (811), the largest net gain since 1921. Increased activity has greatly increased the work in the office.

I wish to express very sincere appreciation for the splendid co-operation extended to me during the year by Lodge Secretaries, D.D.G.Ms. and Grand Lodge Officers.

The past year has been strenuous but it has been a year of progress and I have enjoyed the privilege of working with our Grand Master. His untiring energy, his zeal for Freemasonry and his desire to have every member of the Craft take an active interest in Masonic study and education has been in evidence throughout.

Brethren of Saskatchewan, I place in your hands the record of another year's service as Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. A. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

Special Altar and Pedestals

One of the features at the Annual Communication which called for the appreciation of the Grand Master and every Brother present was the display of four pieces of Masonic Furniture. This beautiful work had been done by W. Brother A. J. Cox, Worshipful Master of Eston Lodge. W. Brother A. J. Cox was called to the Altar during the proceedings to receive congratulations from the Grand Master on his craftsmanship and the applause of his fellow Craftsmen. The picture of this furniture and W. Brother Cox was printed in the Tracing Board of September, 1946.

Report of Board of General Purposes

R.W. Bro. Hector Mackay presented the report of the Board of General Purposes, which, on motion of R.W. Bros. Hector Mackay and F. C. Wilson, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Immediately following the closing of Grand Lodge on June 20th, 1946, the Board met and selected the Standing Committees as set out on pages 124-126 of the Proceedings.

R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson was elected Vice-President, and R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, secretary.

The Board convened on Tuesday, June 17th, 1947 with twenty-eight out of thirty-one members present. Of those absent, M.W. Bro. Jas. McGregor was ill and one out was of the Province. The Board was opened with an invocation by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate.

Two distinguished guests in the persons of M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and M.W. Bro. Charles Davidson, Past Grand Master of Montana, were introduced, welcomed and invited to seats with the Board.

The President appointed the following as a Committee to strike Standing Committees: Chairman, M.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks; R.W. Bros. S. R. Stephens, A. C. Garner and F. H. Auld. The Credential Committee appointed was: Chairman, the Grand Registrar, R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes; R.W. Bros. D. A. McMillan, G. H. Hummel, A. Greaves and W. Bro. A. McFarlane, with power to the Chairman to add others if needed.

M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge accommodation.

M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes reported on a meeting of Grand Lodge Officers, representing the Grand Lodges of British North America, and the Deputy Grand Master reported on the Conference of the Grand Jurisdictions of the four Western Provinces, held at Banff in 1946.

The Board had a busy day of it, with various committees meeting, and with reports from all the Standing Committees. All reports were received and referred to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
HECTOR MACKAY

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

On motion of R.W. Bros. R. R. McEwen and E. S. Weeks, it was resolved that the following reports of the D.D.G.M.s, having been referred to the Committee on Condition of Masonry, they be taken as read and printed in the Proceedings:

DISTRICT No. 1

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

Our activities commenced with the District Meeting held in Melfort on July 5, 1946, with the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary in attendance. The District Meeting program was followed and proved most instructive to the 115 members present. At the evening session Wor. Bro. H. V. Goldfinch was selected as D.D.G.M. for District No. 1 for 1947-48. I wish to pay tribute to the members of Melfort Lodge for their co-operation in helping to organize the meeting and for the excellent banquet provided.

I find the condition of Masonry in this district most satisfactory and progressing well. I was greatly impressed with the quality and ability of the Senior and Junior Officers. This is an important factor in assuring the continued progress of Masonry, and the calibre of the large number of new members will supply a fine selection for future officers.

The meetings were well conducted and adhered to regular proceedings. I do have two suggestions, however. First, punctuality should be more carefully observed. Second, awkward pauses in business and discussion could be avoided, if some members were previously advised of the topic, so that they might be prepared to discuss it.

All Lodges are in good financial condition. The books and records are well kept and in order. Our Secretaries are doing a fine job for the Craft. A number of them have given long years of service in this position and their experience and advice is invaluable. I wish to pay tribute to all Secretaries in District No. 1.

The large number of applicants called for much Degree work this year. Degrees were conferred in a most sincere and impressive manner. There was evidence of much work and practice, and the uniformity was good.

The great amount of Degree work and lack of Emergent meetings in some Lodges, have caused the neglect of study and research. A few Lodges excel in this work, which proves to me its value. I wish to recommend that all Lodges make an effort to develop this phase of Masonry. Much material for study is available in "Grand Lodge Proceedings" and "The Tracing Board."

We have in District No. 1 some fine Lodge halls, well located, well furnished and owned by the Lodge. Two more Lodges are planning to build homes of their own in the near future. Others plan improvements.

Socially, this District has had a very outstanding year. As well as the pleasant and profitable gathering about the festive board at each meeting, many Lodges have had other functions. The outstanding event of the year was the "Mark Musk" night held in Prince Albert on May 28th. Space does not permit me to go into detail about the many other social evenings, but I do wish to thank all those who contributed to their success. The interest, enthusiasm and large attendance proved their popularity, and I have no doubt as to their value. I am particularly impressed with the value of Father and Son banquets and of Youth Nights. May I take this opportunity also to thank R.W. Brother R. A. Tate, who so ably addressed the Youth Night gathering at Nipawin and the Masonic Rally at Carrot River Lodge.

I am grateful to the Brethren of District No. 1 for the privilege and honour of serving them as D.D.G.M. I wish to extend thanks to all the Brethren for their co-operation and for courtesies shown me on all occasions, and to the Grand Secretary for his assistance. To my successor, Wor. Bro. Goldfinch, I wish a pleasant and successful year.

Fraternally submitted,

R. R. McEWEN, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2.

It has been my privilege to officially visit once all of the fourteen Lodges in District No. 2.

I am pleased to report that I found them in a favorable condition both financially and fraternally, complete harmony prevailing among the membership.

I witnessed degree work in six of the Lodges and Installation of Officers in two. In most cases the work was creditably conducted, while in others, a little energy on the part of the officers would make a great improvement.

The M.W. the Grand Master requested that, when making my official visits, some type of educational work be demonstrated. I wish to express my appreciation to the W. Masters of the different Lodges for their co-operation in regard to carrying out this program of education.

There has been a great increase in the membership during the past year. Probably, never in the history of our Grand Lodge have so many been added to our roll. Our duty is to make Lodges interesting not only by the conferring of degrees well, but by dispensing light on all symbols, emblems and allegories of the institution, by thoroughly investigating all the principles of the foundation of the superstructure and endeavouring to solve the mystery of the entire edifice. In this way alone, the wisdom, strength and beauty of Freemasonry can be made plain to its devotees and non-attendance of Lodges overcome. This will necessitate profound study but will bring great reward here and hereafter. Let it no longer be neglected.

I was delighted to be present on the occasion of the Annual Police Night of N.W.M.P. No. 11, when the guest speaker was M.W. Bro. Ireland, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Annual Meeting of District No. 2, was held in Regina on July 24th, 1946, at two o'clock. An exemplification of the Board of Installed Masters was given by W. Brethren of Wascana Lodge No. 2 and additional information by R. W. Bro. R. A. Tate.

Two Lodges were not represented.

At 2.40 p.m. the District meeting was opened in due form by the D.D.G.M. of District No. 2. The chairs were occupied by the Officers of Emulation Lodge No. 186, with W. Bro. C. W. Walker of Wascana Lodge No. 2 as D. of C.

The M.W. the Grand Master W. L. Clink, M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clark and R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate were received in due form and accorded Grand Honours.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Pederson, P.D.D.G.M., presented his report for the year 1945-46.

At the evening session V.W. Bro. A. P. MacLean was selected to serve as D.D.G.M. for the year 1947-48 subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. F. A. Williamson delivered a splendid address on the "Symbolism of the Fellowcraft Degree," followed by a discussion by the Brethren.

R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate conducted a Masonic Quiz, questions asked being on the Fellowcraft degree and the constitution which was very interesting and instructive.

The M.W. the Grand Master then delivered a very fine address, taking for his subject "The Wages of a Fellowcraft," which was enjoyed by all of the Brethren and received with much enthusiasm.

All of the fourteen Lodges are fortunate in having the services of very capable and competent Secretaries, many of them being highly skilled in the work of their office. I wish to thank them sincerely for the assistance and co-operation given me in the performance of my duties.

I cannot conclude my report without expressing my appreciation to our Grand Secretary. The information and instructions forwarded from his office from time to time assisted me greatly in the discharge of the duties of my office.

I am truly grateful to the Brethren of District No. 2, who selected me to serve in this high and important office. It has been a great privilege for me to represent our Grand Master and I shall always cherish the memory of the

fraternal and dignified manner in which I was received on all occasions. I feel sure the same kindness and consideration will be shown to my successor, V.W. Bro. A. P. MacLean.

While I have given my best endeavours to the performance of my duties of the office, I have come far short of my ideal of what the office demands. I trust that wherein I have failed, the Brethren will be lenient in their criticism, but if I have been of any benefit to our craft in this district, then I shall feel that my efforts have not been in vain.

Fraternally submitted.

E. S. WEEKS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3. This District consists of fifteen Lodges, four of which are located in the City of Moose Jaw.

At the time of writing this report I have visited all Lodges in the District with the exception of Briercrest and Avonlea. Owing to road and weather conditions it has been impossible to visit these Lodges, so this pleasure must be delayed until roads permit.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple in Moose Jaw on July the 17th last. A board of Installed Masters was opened at 2 p.m. and presided over by Wor. Bro. James S. S. Hendry, of Memorial Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. James Clark, S.W.; Wor. Bro. H. S. Bell, J.W.; Wor. Bro. A. L. McIntosh as D. of C.; and Wor. Bro. L. F. Henderson as I.G.

R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, instructed the Board in the manner in which the installed Masters' Right should be conferred. The Board was closed at 2.30 p.m. by Wor. Bro. Hendry.

The Fellowship Meeting was opened immediately and there was a good attendance, in fact, the average was thirteen members per lodge. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink; R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary; V.W. Bro. H. A. Cathro, Grand Superintendent of Works; and R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes, Grand Registrar. The distinguished guests were introduced by Wor. Bro. A. L. McIntosh, and were accorded the Grand Honours.

The afternoon session was under the direction of R.W. Bro. W. W. Snider who acted as W.M. and gave an exemplification of balloting; reception of candidates in the Fellowcraft Degree; Grand Honours; correct P.G. and P.W. in opening exercises, also Funeral Honours, the latter being exemplified by Wor. Bro. L. F. Henderson. All these subjects were fully discussed and many questions asked which were all ably answered by the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Tate. When the afternoon session closed the city Lodges were hosts to all the Brethren at a dinner served in the banquet hall, which was heartily enjoyed by everyone present.

The evening session opened at 7.40 p.m. The first order of business was the selection of a D.D.G.M. and the Brethren unanimously selected V.W. Bro. H. A. Cathro, of Avonlea Lodge, as D.D.G.M. for the year 1947-1948. During the evening session a Masonic Quiz was conducted by the Grand Secretary, six Brethren from the city Lodges and six from the country Lodges taking part. This proved to be most instructive.

The M.W. Grand Master then introduced V.W. Bro. Cathro, D.D.G.M. Elect, who delivered a most interesting and well prepared paper on "The Symbolism of the Fellowcraft Degree," which was greatly appreciated by all.

The highlight of the District Meeting was the closing address at the evening session by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink. The Grand Master has earned for himself the reputation of being a good speaker on all occasions, but on this particular occasion he simply excelled himself. He took for his subject "Wages of a Fellowcraft," at the close of which he was accorded a most hearty round of applause.

This brought to a conclusion a very successful District Meeting, the Brethren saying their good-byes with the hope that we would all be spared to meet again in 1947.

My visits to the various Lodges especially those in the country afforded me a grand opportunity, not only of meeting the Brethren in the country but acquiring a knowledge of the work Masonry is doing throughout the district. I was highly pleased by the interest of the Masters and Officers of the various Lodges and the conduct of their formal and ceremonial proceedings. I was also pleased at the high type of candidates which are being admitted into Masonry at this time and the great desire on the part of the Officers of the various lodges to see that degrees are conferred with the greatest proficiency.

If you will pardon a personal reference at this point I would like to refer to my visit to my own lodge, Memorial. I was accorded a grand and warm welcome at this meeting, where three Third Degrees were conferred: Brothers Pritchard, Peters, and my own son, Bro. Miller Nixon. This was a very happy event for us both and will ever be remembered.

We are ever reminded in the V.O.T.S.L. that it is appointed unto man once to die. This year a number of the Brethren have kept their appointments with the G.A.O.T.U. and have answered the roll call of the Grand Lodge above. I especially refer to Wor. Bro. Birch, Secretary of Eyebrow Lodge, and Bro. Heron of Coderre, both under tragic circumstances, also the passing of Rt. Wor. Bro. R. W. Armstrong of Briercrest Lodge; and V.W. Brother Tom Whitehead of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3. I would like to say to those who are left to mourn the loss of these and other of our Brethren, "If our love and sympathy can be a comfort to the dear ones left behind to mourn their loss, then I can assure them they have both our love and sympathy."

In closing I wish to thank the Brethren for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and the Grand Master for confirming my election. I also wish to thank all the Lodges for the very cordial welcome accorded to me on my visits. Your fellowship and hospitality is unsurpassed. To all the Brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the country Lodges I want to say a very sincere thank you.

Fraternally yours,

C. M. NIXON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 4

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4.

The District Meeting was held at Fort Qu'Appelle on July 23rd, 1947, with representation from all Lodges. We were greatly honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. Clink, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary; and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, P.G.M.

Under the supervision of the Grand Secretary the Brethren were instructed in the correct and proper method of putting on the Second Degree with emphasis being placed on turning the Candidate by the S.D. at the S.W. Chair.

A Masonic Quiz was conducted by the Grand Secretary whereby considerable information was obtained by the Brethren.

Wor. Bro. Hesketh of Cupar Lodge No. 47, was selected to be recommended to the incoming Grand Master as D.D.G.M. for District No. 4.

The Grand Master's inspiring address was well received and much appreciated by the Brethren.

During my term I visited each Lodge once and some of them twice, receiving a very cordial welcome on each occasion. Degree work was witnessed in one, or another of the degrees at all Lodges with the exception of one and on all occasions the work was put on in a creditable and interesting manner. Masonry in District No. 4 is in excellent condition both as to membership and finances and the future holds a bright outlook.

I wish to express my thanks to R.W. Bro. Inglis and V.W. Bro. Hill who accompanied me on all my visits; R.W. Bro. Inglis giving an excellent address to all the Lodges which was greatly appreciated by the Brethren.

I also wish to thank our Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, for the courteous manner in which he received me and his readiness to help me in my work on the several occasions I visited him seeking information.

I also thank our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Clink, and the Brethren of District No. 4, for the Honour and pleasure in serving them as District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. PLATT, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 5

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5.

The District Meeting was held Wednesday, July 3rd, 1946, in the Masonic Temple at Saskatoon. At 2 p.m. the Board of Installed Masters was opened with Wor. Bro. Vic Robertson, Imperial No. 60, Inst. Master. Under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Robt. Tate much was discussed to the enlightenment of all.

At 2.30 p.m., the District Meeting opened and R.W. Bro. Arthur Greaves introduced M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Robt. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Wm. Moor, G.J.W.; V.W. Bro. T. H. Reeve, Grand Tyler; and M.W. Bro. Jas. McGregor, P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. A. W. L. Mann, P.D.D.G.M., presented his fine report of an excellent year. It was my great pleasure to go with him on most of his official visits and found this most useful during my own official visits this year.

Under the leadership of the sitting Masters of the City Lodges and Wor. Bro. C. A. Moir, Twin City, the following exemplifications were arranged: Ballotting, Wor. Bro. G. J. Shaw; F. C. Degree, Wor. Bro. N. G. Patterson; Grand Honours, Wor. Bro. H. McConnell; Funeral Honours, Wor. Bro. Smith-Jones; Collecting P.G. & P.W., Wor. Bro. C. A. Moir.

The evening session opened at 7.40 p.m., and Wor. Bro. C. A. Moir, Twin City, was selected D.D.G.M. for 1947-48 and will prove a most excellent

officer because of his varied experiences. R.W. Bro. Bill Moor gave a very fine paper on "The Level" which brought out much fine discussion.

R.W. Robt. Tate conducted a Masonic Quiz on the F.C. Degree, which resulted in stimulating a most spirited debate. The meeting was brought to a close by the awaited address of the M.W. the Grand Master on the "Wages of a Fellowcraft."

It was suggested that the sitting Masters of this district meet at a dinner with the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officers during the District Meeting just for fellowship purposes.

During the Meeting, A. J. Cox, S.W. of Eston Lodge No. 134, exhibited an Altar and Pedestals, hand made and inlaid by himself, showing fine craftsmanship.

During my year I visited all the Lodges officially and found a wonderful spirit prevailing throughout. There were many special events put on by various Lodges, many of which I was able to attend, among which was a visit of the M.W. the G.M. to Victory Lodge.

Another highlight of the year was the Instituting of Aberdeen Lodge. Although two attempts to do this were prevented by snow blocked trains and roads, we made it on the 12th of March, the third trial through 10 foot snow drifts, by nine cars taking 45 brethren among which was the Lodge Progress Quartet. The officers of Aberdeen Lodge put on the 3rd Degree in fine style right after the ceremony.

It was a shock to hear of the sudden death of V.W. Bro. Arthur W. Robinson of Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 35, Humboldt. He was a most active member among all the district Lodges and will be greatly missed.

I wish to thank the Brethren of this district for the great experience of meeting with them all and enjoying the excellent work done. I know that my successor Wor. Bro. Moir will be in for a fine year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. K. LANGFORD, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 6

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Weyburn, on Thursday, July 25th, 1946, with a registered attendance of 82 members, the largest in a number of years. The voting strength was 41 with two of the Lodges not being represented.

Immediately prior to the opening of the District Meeting a board of Installed Masters was opened and a number of questions answered for the benefit of the Past Masters present.

The District Meeting was opened at 2.50 p.m., when M.W. Bro. C. P. Moore introduced M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, Grand Senior Warden; and V.W. Bro. A. H. Maguire, Grand Steward who were received, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Officers selected from the two Weyburn Lodges then exemplified the Balloting, Reception, Circumambulation and approach to the altar in the

F.C. Degree; reception of the D.D.G.M. and Grand Honours and the collection of the P.G. and P.W. in the opening exercises while R.W. Bro. Roy Smith of Omega Lodge No. 120 exemplified Funeral Honors after which the Grand Secretary offered friendly and constructive criticism. During the intermission between the afternoon and evening sessions an excellent supper was served the members by the ladies of the O.E.S.

At the evening session Wor. Bro. R. Swinton, of Osage Lodge No. 184, was selected D.D.G.M. for 1947-48. V.W. Bro. A. H. Maguire then gave an interesting paper on the Symbolism of the F.C. Degree which was followed by instructive criticism. A Masonic Quiz was then held, based on questions of the F.C. Degree and the Constitution which proved both enjoyable and instructive. The Brethren were then privileged to listen to an eloquent address by the M.W. Grand Master on "The Wages of a Fellowcraft."

I visited all the Lodges in the District once besides making unofficial visits to several of the Lodges. Owing to circumstances over which I had no control it was impossible for me to visit some of the Lodges when transportation could be made by car, but despite this fact there was a good average attendance of resident members present. The work of all Lodges was well conducted and conforms to the requirements of Grand Lodge. All Lodges are receiving new members and accordingly Lodge meetings were largely devoted to Degree work. The Secretaries gave every assistance with the examination of the books which were all found to be in excellent shape and to them a good deal of the credit must be given for the healthy position that Masonry enjoys in this District. The Officers coming up are young, energetic and competent which speaks well for Masonry for the next few years. Throughout the District a fine spirit of fellowship and harmony prevails, all Lodges are exchanging fraternal visits with neighboring Lodges and with so many new members seeking membership the prospects for the future are good indeed.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Members of District No. 6 for the honour they bestowed upon me and for the privilege of having served as D.D.G.M. I want to thank the Lodges for the courtesies which were extended to me on my visits and the Grand Secretary and his office for the assistance they have readily given at all times.

To my successor Wor. Bro. Swinton I extend best wishes for an enjoyable and successful year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. HART, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 7

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 7.

District No. 7 covers considerable territory and is now composed of thirteen Lodges stretching from Borden No. 158 in the East, to Britannia No. 23 in the West, and Meadow Lake U.D. in the North, to Battle No. 19 in the South.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, North Battleford, on July 8th, 1946. The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Walter Clink, the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Tate and the Grand Director of Ceremonies V.W. Bro. MacNeill were in attendance. Nine Lodges of the District were represented with a good attendance. R.W. Bro. A. M. Scott of Radisson Lodge, assisted

by several Past Masters of the District took charge of the exemplification of parts of the work. This was followed by helpful comments from the Grand Secretary. At the evening session Wor. Bro. F. L. Stephens of Loyalty Lodge No. 185 was selected as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year. I feel assured that the same kindly co-operation that was given me, will be extended to my successor Wor. Bro. Stephens when he assumes office. The evening's programme ended with the Grand Master's fine address "The Wages of a Fellowcraft" which was delivered in his usual eloquent manner.

As one of my first duties I had the privilege on July 16, 1946 of instituting Northern Light Lodge at Loon Lake. Fifty-five members of the Craft representing 19 Lodges gathered together for the interesting ceremony.

I paid at least one official visit to each of the thirteen Lodges and without exception a very fine Masonic spirit was very evident at each meeting. All Lodges in the District are in a healthy condition and all enjoying a good year. It is very gratifying to see the fine progress our new Lodges of Meadow Lake and Northern Light are making. Two of our larger Lodges, Britannia and Ionic are making exceptional progress with a large increase in membership.

I had the pleasure of attending two Lodge anniversaries during the year. The oldest Lodge in our District "Battle" celebrated their 60th Anniversary on July 29, 1946, with a very interesting dinner function. On July 31, 1946, Borden Lodge No. 158 celebrated the 25th Anniversary of receiving their charter. The M.W. the Grand Master paid a visit to Borden Lodge on this occasion.

I would like to mention the great pleasure it afforded me to visit Battle Lodge on May 1, 1947. On this occasion the Grand Master had the very pleasant experience of raising his son William Livingstone Clink to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Grand Master was assisted by the candidate's uncles, Bro. E. H. Clink as Senior Warden and Bro. John Ridington as Junior Warden. At this meeting Battle Lodge was honoured with a visit from the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Tate, who assisted in the ceremony.

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving you as your District Deputy, and wish to express my sincere appreciation to those Brethren who accompanied me on many of my visitations, and to thank the Brethren of District No. 7 for the many kindnesses so freely extended to me throughout the year.

Faternally submitted,

N. S. SMITH, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 8

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 8.

First, if I may, I would express my appreciation of having been selected to fill this important position, and the privilege of representing the M.W. the Grand Master in District No. 8.

The District Meeting was held in Oxbow, on Thursday, July 18th, 1946. There was a total attendance of fifty, but unfortunately the attendance at the afternoon session was small. This was somewhat disappointing, particularly for the visiting Grand Lodge Officers; several Lodges were not represented at all, and it is during the afternoon session that the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Tate conducts a Lodge of instruction which to me is a highlight of the District Meeting. It is here that we become aware of

the correct method of conducting a Lodge, and if the work is to be kept uniform then this provides an excellent opportunity to check our errors. I would strongly recommend that all W.M.'s and Senior Officers make it a point to attend the afternoon sessions of our District Meetings.

The evening session of the District Meeting was quite successful and the Brethren had the opportunity of listening to one of the most elevating and intellectual talks ever given by a Grand Master. His address will long be remembered by those present.

It has been a delightful experience visiting the different Lodges throughout the district, but unfortunately as this report is being prepared there are still two Lodges that I have not visited—Arcola and Carlyle. I will visit them this month. Owing to the fact that some Lodges close during the harvest and threshing season, my programme was somewhat interrupted, and I regret not having completed my work.

Masonry, I feel, in most Lodges in District No. 8 is in a healthy condition. I received a warm and friendly welcome on all of my visits and the memory of these happy gatherings will linger long in my memory.

I sincerely hope that my visits have served well in the interests of Freemasonry. The duties of a D.D.G.M. are not confined to role of an Official Disciplinarian or Critic but rather a messenger of Goodwill from the M.W. the Grand Master. I have tried to carry out this idea, and to impress upon the Brethren the importance of regular attendance at Lodge. Every member has an individual responsibility in making his Lodge a success.

Finally I would thank the Officers and Members of those Lodges which I have visited for the warm and hospitable reception accorded me on my Official visit.

Faternally submitted,

J. F. C. FISHER, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 9

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 9.

The District Meeting was held at Moosomin on July 19th, with eleven of the twelve Lodges in the district being represented. At 2.15 p.m. the M.W. the Grand Master and R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate were introduced to the Brethren assembled and were accorded the Grand Honours.

During the afternoon session exemplifications were given by Ashlar Lodge No. 8, Moosomin No. 7, Composite No. 103 and Rocanville No. 61. This feature was well received by all present.

The evening session was highlighted by three inspiring addresses given by M.W. the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate and Bro. Rev. Canon Tappin. Their remarks were graciously received by the Brethren assembled.

I had the pleasure and privilege of visiting eleven of the twelve Lodges in our district. Unfortunately, weather conditions made it impossible to visit Welwyn. It was an inspiration to me to see the activity throughout the Lodges, new members being admitted, degree work being carried out in a most efficient manner, and all Lodges showing financial improvement. The condition of Masonry in District No. 9 is a bright one.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 9 in selecting me for this high office also to those who assisted me during my official visits.

Faternally submitted,

A. MACRONE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 10

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10.

The District Meeting was held at Yorkton on the 22nd day of July, 1946, with eleven of the twelve Lodges of the District being represented, eighty-seven members being in attendance.

R.W. Bro. J. Jira introduced the Grand Master, W. L. Clink, who was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary. They were received in due form and given the customary Grand Honours.

I had arranged for exemplifications in accordance with the memorandum of instructions, and this was carried out by Lodges as follows: Balloting, Reception, circumambulation and approach to the Altar in the F.C. Degree Buchanan Lodge No. 54; Grand Honours, Aurora Lodge No. 45; Funeral Honours, Aurora Lodge No. 45; Collecting P.G. and P.W. in opening exercises, Hudson Bay Lodge No. 200, Canora Lodge No. 59.

I have visited nine Lodges and observed regular degree work put on in eight of them. At the other Lodge a part of the first degree was exemplified. I wish to thank the Brethren at these Lodges for the reception I received, the attention manifested in my address and the general interest taken in Lodge work. At another Lodge I had arranged to attend I was unable to do so on account of illness, and I appreciate very much the kindness of R.W. Bro. S. H. Edgar in visiting that Lodge on my behalf.

I attended a Youth Night held by the Yorkton Lodge No. 12, last October, which was honoured by the presence of the Grand Master who gave a very informative and interesting address to the youths present at that meeting. This appears to be a yearly feature of the Yorkton Lodge and I feel the Brethren there are to be highly commended for the fine work they are doing in this respect.

Generally speaking a fine spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails throughout most of the Lodges and it appears that a keen and active interest is being taken.

It is worthy of note that of the twelve Lodges in this District, eight own their own hall and three have no members in arrears.

I would like to suggest that the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges urge the members, and particularly the younger members, to attend the District Meeting where there is an opportunity to become better informed. The result would be greater uniformity in the work of the Lodges.

It has been a wonderful experience and an honour to be able to visit the various Lodges in this District as the representative of the Grand Master. I appreciate very much the confidence placed in me by the Brethren of District No. 10, and the Grand Master in confirming their selection. I trust my visitations have helped to enrich the Masonic spirit of the various Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

G. T. KILLAM, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 11

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 11.

At the District Meeting held at Cabri, on July 15th, nine Lodges were represented. Fifty-nine delegates signed the register. Due to wet weather two Lodges were prevented from being represented. The Board of Installed Masters was opened at 2 p.m. by the Wor. Brethren of Cabri Lodge No. 119. R.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary exemplified certain parts of the ceremony.

The District Meeting opened at 2.30 p.m. R.W. Bro. C. E. Medforth, P.D.D.G.M., introduced M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary who were invited to the east by D.D.G.M., and accorded Grand Honours. The minutes of the last District Meeting, and the report of the D.D.G.M. were adopted as read. Balloting was exemplified by the Master Wor. Bro. Hayden and Officers of the Cabri Lodge No. 119, also reception, anti-room preparation, approach to the altar in the Fellowcraft Degree, Grand Honours and Funeral Honours. The Grand Secretary in his usual able manner gave the Brethren a lot of practical and interesting instruction. At 4.30 p.m. the D.D.G.M. called the Brethren from labour to refreshment.

Evening Session. At 7.30 the District Meeting resumed Labour. First order of business was the selecting of a D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. J. Stewart of Cabri Lodge No. 119 being the only nomination was declared selected by R.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary. The M.W. the Grand Master then asked the necessary questions which were answered by W. Bro. Stewart. The M.W. the Grand Master then presented R.W. Bro. Allan McIntosh with his D.D.G.M. certificate. Next order of business was a Masonic Quiz conducted by R.W. Bro. Tate, R.W. Bro. McIntosh was timekeeper, and the Grand Master as referee gave his decision in favour of the north. R.W. Bro. Medforth then presented R.W. Bro. Gilchrist with a P.D.D.G.M. Apron, who in turn thanked all the Lodges in the District for the fine co-operation they gave him during his term in office. The M.W. the Grand Master then called on M.W. Bro. Hayes for a few words which were well received by the Brethren. R.W. Bro. McIntosh, D.D.G.M., then called on the M.W. the Grand Master to address the Brethren on the subject "The Wages of Fellowcraft." This proved to be the highlight of the evening, it was both interesting and inspiring, and will be remembered by all privileged to be present. Our worthy Grand Secretary played an important part in the success of the District Meeting. We are indebted to him for his untiring efforts.

I have enjoyed my term of serving the Brethren as D.D.G.M. of District No. 11, and wish to thank them for all the kindnesses and courtesies shown me during my official visits. Harmony prevails in all Lodges, I have seen them all at work, and most Lodges have had their share of Candidates. All records appear in good order. I would like to thank all the Secretaries of the various Lodges for their fine support, and the Brethren of the Swift Current Lodge who were always ready to accompany me on my Official Visits. I also wish to thank the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for their assistance and guidance at all times.

It has been both an honour and a privilege for me to serve as D.D.G.M. of District No. 11.

Faternally submitted,

ALLAN McINTOSH, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 12

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 12.

The District Meeting was held in Kindersley, on July 10, 1946, when eighty Brethren of the district signed the register. All Lodges in the district were represented and the attendance showed slight improvement over previous years. However, the attendance of Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, and junior officers was not as large as was expected, or should be, at District Meetings. Future rulers of the Craft in their respective Lodges, are able to obtain valuable information at district meetings that will materially assist them in carrying out their duties in a most creditable manner. The District Meeting is a school of instruction and has a very definite bearing on Masonry in general and all Lodges are urged to have as many as possible of their officers and Master Masons attend.

The Board of Installed Masters was opened at two p.m., with Wor. Bro. D. McAlister, Eston Lodge No. 134 in the East. The District Meeting was opened at 2.35 p.m., when R.W. Bro. D. A. McMillan, D.D.G.M., introduced M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary and V.W. Bro. I. H. Pittman, Grand Pursuivant. They were invited to the East and given the Grand Honours. The program for District Meetings was then carried out and the exemplification of the work was done by members of the Lodges within District No. 12. The exemplification was reviewed and discussed by R.W. Bro. Tate in his usual pleasing manner and no doubt helped those present to correct irregularities in the work as conducted in their respective Lodge.

The meeting adjourned at 5.05 p.m. for dinner which was arranged by the Brethren of Kindersley Lodge and was served by the Ladies Aid of the United Church.

The evening session re-convened at 7.30 p.m. The first item on the agenda being the selection of the D.D.G.M. for 1947-48, two nominations were made; Wor. Bro. R. H. T. Turner, Kindersley Lodge and Wor. Bro. D. McAlister, Eston Lodge. The ballot being taken the M.W. the Grand Master declared Wor. Bro. D. McAlister the selection of D.D.G.M. at the pleasure of the incoming Grand Master.

Wor. Bro. S. C. Hall, Victoria Lodge, Alsask, then gave an address on "The Symbolism of the Fellowcraft Degree." R.W. Bro. Tate conducted a Masonic Quiz; followed by an address by the M.W. the Grand Master on "The Wages of Fellowcraft."

The District has nine Lodges and I made ten official visits as well as visiting a number of Lodges on other occasions. Masonry in District No. 12 is prospering and the future appears bright. The majority of the Lodges are receiving many applications and the membership is growing steadily. There appears to be harmony in all Lodges and it is an inspiration to attend the meetings of the different Lodges. The degree work was generally well done and was conducted in conformity with Grand Lodge requirements. However, the time required to do degree work has very materially affected the time allotted for Masonic education and research, which is to be regretted, as in my opinion, many members taking the degrees are not being assisted to fully understand the Meaning of Masonry. I feel that all Masters should do all possible in their power to arrange at least a short period at each meeting for this important part of the members' initiation. The attendance

shows a slight improvement over 1945-46 and no doubt if more attention was given to education and research it would assist in increasing the attendance at all meetings.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of District No. 12 for the opportunity and privilege given me of serving you as District Deputy Grand Master and for the very warm and courteous reception given me on my official visits. I also wish to thank the Brethren of various Lodges who accompanied me on my visits. May I, in closing, ask for my successor the same co-operation and help that you have given me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. WALKER, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 13

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 13.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Kerrobert, on Tuesday, July 9th. Owing to bad roads, many Brethren were unable to attend and later expressed their regrets. A Board of Installed Masters was held at 2.00 p.m., at which the Grand Secretary gave valuable instructions and answered many questions pertaining to the work.

The District meeting was opened at 3.00 p.m., and M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Robert Tate, Grand Secretary were introduced by R.W. Bro. Rodney of Kerrobert Lodge and R.W. Bro. Bell of Kilwinning Lodge.

A few words of welcome were extended to the Grand Lodge Officers, who were then invited to the East. The Grand Master suitably acknowledged the welcome and the Grand Lodge Officers were given the Grand Honours.

R.W. Bro. Park gave a report of his activities during his term of office as D.D.G.M. and this report was well received.

The new Officers of Kerrobert Lodge officiated and very ably exemplified the work.

The session was adjourned at 4.30 until 7.30 p.m.

Labour was resumed at 7.30 and it was a very instructive and interesting evening.

The selection of D.D.G.M. for 1947-48 was Wor. Bro. D. McIntosh of St. Luke's Lodge, Plenty.

There was a short paper by V.W. Bro. Wheaton on symbolism of the Fellowcraft Degree followed by ten minutes of discussion.

R.W. Bro. Tate then conducted a Masonic Quiz, which brought back memories and enlightened younger members.

The climax of the evening was an inspiring address, "The Wages of a Fellowcraft," given by M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink. This was well received. I have visited all the Lodges in District No. 13 and found them all in a very progressive and healthy state. Every Lodge on my official visit had one or more candidates.

In one Lodge the candidate was not present so the officers exemplified the first degree in a most efficient manner.

The Officers in all Lodges seem to be well skilled. Candidates appear to be good citizens, fit and proper persons to be made Masons, and were well coached.

The highlight of District No. 13 is the erection of a new Temple at Perdue which is expected to be opened in 1947.

My travels have been very pleasant as I have met many old, and made many new friends. I would like to thank the Brethren of District No. 13 for the honour they have bestowed on me.

To my successor, you will have friends and welcomes everywhere.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. STEPHENS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 14

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 14.

This District consists of fourteen Lodges, all of which I have visited at least once. The District Meeting was held at Climax, on July 16th, with seventy-eight Brethren including Grand Lodge Officers, signing the register. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Clink, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate were introduced to the meeting by R.W. Bro. Stevens, of Glenedyth Lodge. Owing to the departure of the District Secretary, R.W. Bro. G. W. Eisnor, to White Rock, B.C., R.W. Bro. Stevens of Climax was elected Secretary. The reception of Grand Lodge Officers, and also the exemplification of the 2nd degree was very well done by the officers of Glenedyth Lodge. The Grand Master's address on "The Wages of a Fellowcraft" and the instruction by the Grand Secretary were very well received by the Brethren. I am pleased to report the selection of Wor. Bro. Thompson, of Shaunavon Lodge No. 110, by the District Meeting, as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and earnestly ask that the same support and fraternal welcome, which I have enjoyed during my term, be extended to him. I also want to express my thanks to all those Brethren who accompanied me on my Official visits, for their assistance and companionship. My official duties have been very pleasant; the inspiring Masonic Fraternal spirit which prevails throughout the entire District, has been very gratifying. The welcome extended to me, and the efforts expended to make my visit pleasant, have earned my deepest feeling of thankfulness to all the District. The Condition of Masonry in the District may be truly considered as very encouraging; the majority of the Lodges are strong, with a bright future; a few, through circumstances peculiar to their districts, are carrying on with courage, and I am sure that they will soon improve their positions. With them, the spirit is strong and full of hope; their officers and members deserve the highest praise for their wonderful efforts to keep the light of Masonry bright. Finally, my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of this District for selecting me to the office of D.D.G.M., to the Grand Master for his confirming their selection, and for his courtesy to me, and to the Grand Secretary for his assistance and kindness in assisting me in my duties.

Fraternally submitted,

T. G. WILLIAMS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 15

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 15.

The District Meeting was held in Humboldt, on July 4, 1946. The attendance was very small due to torrential rains for the twenty-four hours preceding, with attendance of eighteen, representing four Lodges.

R.W. Bro. H. F. Bole presented the M.W. the Grand Master, W. L. Clink and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate to the meeting at 3.30 p.m., and a very interesting and instructive meeting ensued.

District No. 15 is composed of eleven Lodges, one of which is yet U.D. On my visits I stressed the benefits derived from inter-lodge visitations and the importance of laying stress on the fraternal side of Masonry. The harmony existing in District No. 15 among the Brethren and the Lodges made the year a very pleasant one for your District Deputy. I enjoyed every minute of my visits and I derived personal benefit from each and every meeting. I have visited each Lodge once with the exception of Viscount No. 151, where I will be on May 6, 1947. Due to road conditions my visits have been somewhat extended but as all Lodges have had excessive ritualistic work I have witnessed each set of officers conferring degrees in a really creditable manner.

I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a very healthy condition in District No. 15 with an increase in membership of thirty during 1946 and I am sure that 1947 will exceed this figure.

I would like at this time to extend my sincerest thanks to the Brethren who made my year of office so enjoyable and who made it possible for me to be selected as your District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN J. BOLE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 16

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 16.

The District Meeting was held in Nokomis, on July 2nd, 1946. Sixty-eight Brethren, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, were present. Exemplifications of parts of the Work as requested by the Grand Master, were satisfactorily performed. The Grand Secretary offered his comments and congratulations. At the Evening session the Grand Master addressed the Brethren. His subject, "The Wages of a Fellowcraft" was well presented and much appreciated. The Grand Secretary conducted a "Quiz" which proved entertaining and very instructive.

I am pleased to report that Masonry in District No. 16 is in a sound and thriving condition. Great care has been used in the selection of Material and Candidates have been thoroughly instructed. I look for still a greater influx of Members to the Craft. All Lodges are in the hands of well skilled and efficient Officers and all the Lodges are financially sound. Tuscan Lodge

No. 81 contemplate building their own Hall as soon as material is available. I am sorry to report that Touchwood Lodge No. 51 at Punnichy have been deprived of their Meeting place but are carrying on in a less suitable place. Arrangements have been made to obtain a permanent Hall in the near future.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Brethren of District No. 16, for their splendid co-operation and wonderful hospitality, extended to me throughout the entire District. They have made my work a pleasure, and I consider it a great privilege and an honour, to have been able to represent the Grand Master in this District, and to have had the opportunity to contribute, in some degree, to the promotion and the advancement of Freemasonry in District No. 16.

Fraternally submitted,

L. L. LYMBURNER, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 17

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 17.

I am pleased to report that Masonry, as a whole, is in a very healthy condition in District No. 17. Many new members have been admitted, mostly good Masonic material.

The snowbound condition of the roads this winter cut the attendance rather badly, particularly in those Lodges whose members are widely dispersed.

The District Meeting was held at Macrorie. Though Sports were being held at both Macrorie and Lucky Lake, the attendance was fairly good, and we had a very instructive meeting. Rt. Wor. Bro. Tate put us right on many points, and M.W. Bro. Clink gave us an excellent address on "The Wages of a Fellowcraft."

My thanks go to all the Lodge secretaries for their co-operation, also to the Brethren for the kindness and friendship shown to me on my visits. I am very glad to have had this opportunity to be of service.

Fraternally submitted,

NORRIS C. RUDD, D.D.G.M.

Selection D. D. G. M.

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that it would be necessary for the representatives of the Lodges in District No. 10, present at this Communication, to meet during the noon recess and select a Brother whom they wished to recommend for appointment as D.D.G.M. of their District.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

R.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge presented the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals which, on motion of R.W. Bros. R. L. Hanbidge and W. O. Fraser, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, consisting of R.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson, R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser and R.W. Bro. R. L. Hanbidge, submits herewith the following report. M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, having been Chairman of the Commission referred to hereafter which conducted the trial, took no part in the deliberations of this Committee.

Your Committee had but one matter to deal with, namely, re Swift Current Lodge No. 26 versus T. N.

This case involved four charges of unasonic conduct. A Commission consisting of M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, R.W. Bro. D. A. McMillan and R.W. Bro. J. C. Cram was appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to hear the evidence on the trial. The Commission heard the evidence that was submitted to it on November 16th, 1946, and found Bro. N guilty on two charges and sentenced him to indefinite suspension. Your Committee has reviewed the proceedings and the evidence that was heard by the Commission and also heard what was submitted by Bro. N in person. No appeal from the decision of the Commission was made by Bro. N.

Your Committee finds the proceedings entirely regular and concur in the sentence pronounced by the Commission.

Fraternally submitted,
R. L. HANBIDGE,
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Condition of Masonry

M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke presented the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. Orville Clarke and A. O. Brooks, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee is happy to report pleasure and satisfaction ensuing from the usual investigation on the condition of Masonry during the past year in this Grand Jurisdiction. The evidence, including as it does a report on each and every constituent Lodge in operation as at March 1st last, furnishes the most complete information yet made available; this has been accomplished through the excellent co-operation of the D.D.G.M's, the Secretaries of the Lodges and the Grand Lodge Office.

Data gleaned from the evidence produced discloses the "Internal Economy" of these Lodges. It has been classified immediately following and as an appendix to this report, will appear in the current Grand Lodge Proceedings. Statements of Grand Lodge Officers and Committees, together with other appropriate intelligence revealing interesting phases of Masonic

activities and achievements contribute to the contents of this historical volume. It will, therefore, portray a fairly comprehensive picture of the Craft in Saskatchewan, and its perusal and study, so often urged in the past, is again recommended to the brethren. However, for reasons given in last year's report, your Committee assumes no responsibility for the compilation or accuracy of the Statistical Table re Constituent Lodges—such as appears commencing on Page 102 of the 1946 Proceedings, and, revised to date, will be included in the 1947 issue.

Based on the findings and observations of your Committee the following comments appertaining more particularly to efforts and results not specifically or fully dealt with through other channels, are now offered for the information and consideration of Grand Lodge:

Membership Meetings, and Attendance. Again a substantial increase in membership is recorded, details concerning which have been disclosed to you today by the Grand Secretary. The statistical information furnished by the Secretaries of the 202 Constituent Lodges, including 3 Lodges U.D., indicate an increase of 603 in the number of resident members from 8,670 reported in 1945 to 9,273 as at the end of 1946, while the number of meetings held increased by 135. 7 City Lodges and 8 Non-City Lodges that have acquired comparatively large memberships are listed in the appendix, as well as the names of the Lodges which led in the number of meetings held by individual Lodges.

A record number of emergent meetings were called during 1946—particularly by the larger lodges—totalling 882, or 108 more than during the previous year. It is evident that these Lodges of Emergency were held mainly for the purpose of conferring degrees. The reports contain only meagre reference to such matters as Masonic Education, interlodge visits, and social activities other than at the festive board following Lodge meetings; furthermore, the percentage of the resident membership attending the regular meetings on an average basis was in the case of a number of Lodges regrettably small. The following questions, therefore, might well be asked:

Why did so many resident members fail to attend?

Why were there not more interlodge visits?

Why was not more time devoted to Masonic Education?

The answer to each of these questions might be that many Lodges have allotted a major portion of their meetings to the conferring of degrees, thereby neglecting other important activities. This practice, if persisted in too often and for too long periods, is apt to adversely affect attendance for the very good reason that constant repetition of the ritual may become extremely wearisome to members who take no part in the ceremonies; moreover, the absence of special and interesting Masonic teaching and fellowship may create a danger of disappointment, especially among the younger brethren, resulting in their entire loss to the Craft. The glory of our fraternity is not in numerical strength, but rather in quality of life and service. No Lodge, therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, should permit interference with the provision and maintenance of such facilities as it can provide for the enlightenment, happiness and usefulness of its members in the light of their duty as citizens and as Masons.

The usual Honor Roll of Lodges with outstanding attendance records for the year 1946 is included in the appendix to this report.

When reviewing any reference in this report to Lodges and Districts featured prominently because of standing or accomplishment, your Committee suggests that the reader ponder the thought contained in the following quotation from Alexander Pope's "Essay on Man":

"In parts superior what advantage lies?

Tell (for you can) what is it to be wise?

'Tis but to know how little can be known;

To see all others' faults, and feel our own".

Financial Status of the Constituent Lodges. Favourable economic conditions throughout our Grand Jurisdiction have again augmented the combined financial status of the Lodges as reflected in the Collective Statement of Assets and Liabilities included in the appendix to this report. Compared with a similar exhibit presented to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication one year ago, the compilation affords in a greater degree than ever abundant reason for thankfulness; not only has the indicated value of fixed assets, such as property and equipment, increased by over \$23,000 and the liquid asset total improved by over \$21,000, but after taking into consideration the decrease of over \$7,500 in property debts—now confined to only 15 Lodges—the Net Surplus has advanced to \$739,107.12, representing a net gain for the year of over \$53,000. Especially in the light of a total membership of between 14,500 and 15,000, and reckoned on a per capita basis, this favourable financial trend and position is most heartening.

Many Lodges individually have enjoyed a substantial improvement in income and with care in expenditure commitments should be able to build reserves which may prove a happy solution to some unforeseen emergency. No doubt some Lodges are giving careful attention to such planning.

Arrearages of Dues. A number of Lodges have taken the opportunity also of consolidating their financial position by eliminating balances in past due yearly fees through effective collection methods and/or by remitting payment or by resorting to the usual constitutional procedure. In view of the fact that there are still Lodges with appreciable sums in this category, it is suggested that consideration be given to dealing with this situation in the appropriate manner.

A study of the data in the appendix hereto will reveal that the delinquent members owe on an average about \$11.50 each as against an average per capita indebtedness reported last year of about \$13.25. Furthermore, it will be noted that the estimated prospective losses in this direction decreased over 47%.

Worthy of emulation is the type of leadership evinced with respect to the realization of Lodge dues—an essential phase of Lodge management—in the list of Lodges and Districts accorded special mention.

Premises. Indicated in the appendix hereto is the claim of over 50% of the Lodges to ownership of or a vested interest in halls or meeting places; others are reported as desiring and planning for this advantage. Your Committee, while not presuming to interfere in matters which do not fall within their jurisdiction, might be permitted to comment on this ambition in the light of the past experiences of some of the Lodges. The acquisition of a Masonic home is commendable, yet in many instances it is a major undertaking and should the Lodge be required to commit itself to future payments, calls for great foresight. We believe that it is wisdom to have a large proportion of the cost in hand before commencing the undertaking in order to ensure that future payments will not prove too much of a difficulty in the event of less favourable financial conditions.

Local Benevolence. Apart from grants from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, local relief was disbursed by a greater number of Lodges and for a larger total amount than last year. In this connection, the contributions of Lodge Progress No. 92, Saskatoon, and Banner Lodge No. 154, Regina, of \$665 and \$404, respectively, are outstanding. (See Appendix).

District Fellowship Meetings. Copies of the minutes of these important gatherings reveal their great value to the Craft in the respective Districts and lead your Committee to the conclusion that they do not receive the strong support the event deserves. According to reports, 36 Lodges failed to send representatives and too often only one, in some cases none, of the principal officers were in attendance, hence was lost to all concerned the opportunity to derive special advantages.

The recommendation of the D.D.G.M. for District No. 8, namely: "I would strongly recommend that all W.M's. and Senior Officers make it a point to attend the afternoon sessions of our District Meetings", as well as the suggestion contained in the report of the D D.G M. for District No. 10 as to attendance by members, particularly the younger members, are each heartily concurred in by your Committee. (See these reports in the Annual Proceedings for 1947).

D.D.G.M's. Every Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction has been covered in the reports of these officers, although five received no official visit. These reports suggest careful and conscientious scrutiny and tell of the presentation of thoughtful addresses on relevant subjects. No recommendations are offered therein other than views pertaining to attendance at District Meetings.

No degree work was inspected during 56 official visits. However, except in five Lodges, wherever ceremonials were witnessed, the reports indicate efficiency on the part of Lodge Officers and conformity with Grand Lodge requirements.

Your Committee feels that each inspection ought to include observation either of actual degree work or exemplification thereof as a test of local proficiency and as an opportunity for constructive criticism and advice; otherwise, how can we expect a desirable degree of understanding and uniformity? Your Committee finds that the number of local brethren who greeted the representative of the Grand Master was disappointing at 44 Lodge meetings, i.e., under 25% and 50%, respectively, of the resident membership of the City and Non-City Lodges concerned. Nevertheless, it is pleasing to discover that this condition did not obtain in any of the Lodges in Districts No. 2, 6 and 12, and was almost non-existent in Districts No. 1, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 15.

With the concurrence of the M.W. the Grand Master, your Committee is pleased to recommend that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on each incumbent of the office of D.D.G.M. for the past year, namely:

R.W. Bro. R. R. McEwen	District No. 1
R.W. Bro. E. S. Weeks	District No. 2
R.W. Bro. C. M. Nixon	District No. 3
R.W. Bro. John G. Platt	District No. 4
R.W. Bro. J. C. K. Langford	District No. 5
R.W. Bro. W. H. Hart	District No. 6
R.W. Bro. N. S. Smith	District No. 7
R.W. Bro. J. F. C. Fisher	District No. 8
R.W. Bro. Alex Macrone	District No. 9
R.W. Bro. G. T. Killam	District No. 10
R.W. Bro. Allan MacIntosh	District No. 11
R.W. Bro. W. H. Walker	District No. 12
R.W. Bro. F. H. Stephens	District No. 13
R.W. Bro. T. G. Williams	District No. 14
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bole	District No. 15
R.W. Bro. L. L. Lymburner	District No. 16
R.W. Bro. N. C. Rudd	District No. 17

Conclusion. The state of our Fraternity throughout the various Districts as set forth in the definitely favourable and optimistic assertions contained in the reports of the D.D.G.M's. currently presented to Grand Lodge, appears to be reasonably satisfactory and most encouraging. Their considered opinion on the condition and prospects of each of the 202 constituent Lodges as expressed in their confidential reports is depicted in the following table:

	Excellent or Good	Fair	Poor	Total
As to Condition-----	178	21	3	202
As to Prospects-----	167	33	2	202

It would seem that "Poor" Lodges—both as to condition and prospects—we shall have with us always, and as usual a few are reported in this category. Special attention thereto becomes the responsibility of the incoming Grand Lodge Officers to whom such information as the Committee possesses will be made available and in whom your Committee believes Grand Lodge can confidently rely for timely and appropriate action.

What then is the general condition of Masonry in Saskatchewan? If substantial increase in membership, marked improvement in financial status, a lofty pitch of harmony, brotherliness and goodwill, and a creditable standard of efficiency are employed as a basis for an answer, then, as a result of careful analysis of the written evidence produced, your Committee can safely declare that the Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan is indeed making favourable progress toward the attainment of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Fraternally submitted,
J. ORVILLE CLARKE, Chairman.

APPENDIX

to

Report of Committee on the Condition of Masonry—1947

N.B.—The following data was compiled from information furnished through the confidential reports of the D.D.G.M's. for the 17 Masonic Districts for the term just ended, and from the Secretaries of 202 Lodges, including 3 Lodges U.D., mainly for the year ended December 31, 1946. Data for the year 1945 is inserted for comparison purposes only; E. O. E.

Membership of 202 Lodges	(1945)	(1946)
Resident-----	8,670	9,273
Non-Resident-----	5,045	5,254
Total-----	13,715	14,527

Gain over 1945—812 in Total Membership.
603 in Resident Membership.

Large Lodge Memberships:

	Dist. No.	Member- ship
(1) City Lodges		
Saskatchewan No. 16, Saskatoon-----	5	385
Moose Jaw No. 3, Moose Jaw-----	3	341
N.W.M.P. No. 11, Regina-----	2	327
Lodge Progress No. 92, Saskatoon-----	5	323
St. Andrew's No. 174, Regina-----	2	278
Assiniboia No. 49, Regina-----	2	277
Wascana No. 2, Regina-----	2	253
(2) Non-City Lodges		
Melville No. 62-----	10	156
Kindersley No. 86-----	12	136
Biggar No. 100-----	13	127
Rosetown No. 91-----	12	123
Indian Head No. 5-----	4	118
Eston No. 134-----	12	117
St. John's No. 106, Assiniboia-----	14	117
Shaunavon No. 110-----	14	117

Meetings. Lodges which led in the total number of meetings held:

(1) City Lodges holding 25 or more:

Lodge Progress No. 92/5.....	44	Swift Current No. 26/11.....	31
Saskatchewan No. 16/5.....	40	Moose Jaw No. 3/3.....	29
Imperial No. 60/5.....	39	Banner No. 154/2.....	28
Kinistino No. 1/1.....	38	Assiniboia No. 49/2.....	27
St. Andrew's No. 174/2.....	37	King Hiram No. 104/2.....	27
Victory No. 144/5.....	36	N.W.M.P. No. 11/2.....	25
Prince Albert No. 63/1.....	34		

(2) Non-City Lodges holding 20 or more:

Shellbrook No. 171/1.....	26	Indian Head No. 5/4.....	21
Twin City No. 89/5.....	26	Corinthian No. 72/2.....	20
Maple Leaf No. 9/11.....	22	Ekapo No. 38/9.....	20

Attendance. 13 of the 22 City Lodges record an average attendance at regular meetings equal to 25% or more of their respective resident memberships, while 104 of the 180 Non-City Lodges indicate an average attendance equal to 50% or more of their respective resident memberships. (See data below).

Based on the qualifications required by the Committee with respect to special mention as to attendance, namely: the average number of members present at regular meetings only, in terms of percentage of the resident membership of the Lodge and applicable only to Lodges currently reported to be in either good or excellent condition, holding no fewer than nine regular meetings during the year under review with at least ten resident members each, the following Honour List has been compiled:

	District No.	Resident Member- ship	Average Attendance (66.6% or more)
(1) Non-City Lodges:			
Rosthern No. 22.....	1	14	78.5%
Carrot River No. 69, Kinistino.....	1	34	78%
Golden Rule No. 32, Pense.....	2	38	67.8%
Ishpaming No. 43, Langham.....	5	16	75%
Golden Fleece No. 50, Halbrite.....	6	37	67.6%
Lonach No. 182, Marsden.....	7	28	67%
Turtleford No. 190.....	7	16	67%
Meadow Lake U.D.....	7	18	83%
Carlyle No. 17.....	8	28	71%
Welwyn No. 161.....	9	13	77%
Aurora No. 45, Theodore.....	10	19	75.3%
Canora No. 59.....	10	19	68.4%
Morse No. 93.....	11	22	90%
Herschel No. 189.....	12	19	69%
Harmony No. 75, Perdue.....	13	22	68%
Invermay No. 102.....	15	12	66.6%
Rose Valley U.D.....	15	15	66.6%
Strasbourg No. 46.....	16	22	68%
Raymore No. 155.....	16	23	69.5%
Riverhurst No. 139.....	17	18	75.5%
Macrorie No. 191.....	17	23	80%
Sovereign No. 192.....	17	32	68.7%

	District No.	Resident Member- ship	Average Attendance (33.3% or more)
(2) City Lodges			
Kinistino No. 1, Prince Albert.....	1	105	38 $\frac{7}{10}$ %
Doric No. 71, Moose Jaw.....	3	79	38 $\frac{6}{10}$ %
Memorial No. 172, Moose Jaw.....	3	57	34 $\frac{6}{10}$ %
Weyburn No. 20.....	6	93	45 $\frac{7}{10}$ %
Latomia No. 125, Weyburn.....	6	63	44 $\frac{7}{10}$ %
Ionic No. 31, North Battleford.....	7	99	37 $\frac{6}{10}$ %
Yorkton No. 12.....	10	81	39.5 $\frac{7}{10}$ %
Swift Current No. 26.....	11	87	48 $\frac{6}{10}$ %

	For Year 1945	For Year 1946
Total number of City Lodges with an average attendance at regular meetings equal to 25% or more of their respective resident memberships.....	13	13
Total number of Non-City Lodges with an average attendance at regular meetings equal to 50% or more of their respective resident membership.....	107 120-60%	104 117-58%

	For Year 1945	For Year 1946
Liabilities		
Lodges showing no liabilities whatsoever.....	63	65
Lodges indicating liabilities consisting only of pre-paid dues and temporary indebtedness, amply offset by liquid assets (virtually out of debt)....	111	118
Total Lodges out of debt.....	174-88 $\frac{7}{10}$ %	183-90 $\frac{6}{10}$ %
Lodges with liabilities re premises.....	19-10 $\frac{6}{10}$ %	15- 7 $\frac{6}{10}$ %
Lodges with indebtedness, other than re premises, not provided for.....	3	4
Total number of Lodges reported.....	196	202

Districts Nos. 4, 6, 8, 13, 14 and 17 each show total liabilities for all Lodges therein combined, of under \$825.

Districts Nos. 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 17 show no debts with respect to premises.

	For Year 1945	For Year 1946
Arrearages of Dues		
Number of members reported in arrears, and total owing.....	1999-\$26,510.88	2012-\$25,543.05
Deduct prospective losses as estimated.....	6,914.79	3,463.91
Net.....	\$19,597.09	\$22,079.14

Approximate amount unpaid by delinquents per capita \$13.25 \$11.50.

(1) Lodges reporting no arrearages. Total 19
 (2) Lodges reporting 1 member only owing dues. Total 6
 (3) Lodges reporting 2 members only owing dues. Total 16.

Name	Dist. No.	Name	Dist. No.	Name	Dist. No.
Tugaske No. 78.....	3	Rosthern No. 22.....	1	Ogema No. 120.....	6
Mazenod No. 193....	3	Golden Rule No. 32,		Tyrian No. 137, Edam	7
Asquith No. 146.....	5	Pense.....	2	Northern Light U.D.,	
Amity No. 15,		Alameda No. 27.....	8	Loon Lake.....	7
Carnduff.....	8	Strasbourg No. 46....	16	Heward No. 29.....	8
Grayson No. 48,		Raymore No. 155....	16	Wapella No. 37.....	9
Dubuc.....	9	Macrorie No. 191....	17	Composite No. 103,	
York No. 157,				Kennedy.....	9
Churchbridge.....	10			Welwyn No. 161....	9
Saltcoats No. 162....	10			Togo No. 130.....	10
Hudson Bay No. 200..	10			Preeceville No. 167..	10
Mount Hermon No.				Morse No. 93.....	11
124, Pennant.....	11			Leader No. 142.....	11
Herbert No. 180.....	11			Lacadena No. 196....	11
St. John's No. 106,				Cadillac No. 126....	14
Assiniboia.....	14			Foam Lake No. 79....	15
Glentworth No. 201..	14			Simpson No. 121....	16
Wynyard No. 66.....	15			Riverhurst No. 139..	17
Lanigan No. 84.....	15				
Rose Valley U.D.....	15				
Dinston No. 131,					
Dinsmore.....	17				
Hawarden No. 143....	17				
Lucky Lake No. 187..	17				
Sovereign No. 192....	17				

	District No.	Lodges
Districts leading with total number of Lodges in the 3 categories.....	17	6
	10	5
	11	5
	9	4
	15	4
	14	3
	16	3

Districts leading with best per capita condition as to Arrearages of Dues.

District No. 17—7% of total membership owe \$.71 on an average per capita.

District No. 9—9% of total membership owe \$.89 on an average per capita.

District No. 5—5.7% of total membership own \$1.50 on an average per capita.

COLLECTIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	196 for Year 1945	202 for Year 1946
ASSETS		
Covering Lodges.....		
Cash.....	\$ 71,943.41	\$ 92,278.86
Securities, other than shares in companies providing meeting places.....	146,765.44	148,113.47
Sub-total.....	\$218,708.85	\$240,392.33
Unpaid Dues.....	\$ 26,510.88	\$ 23,203.09
Less prospective loss.....	6,914.79	3,662.91
Sundry Liquid Assets.....		
Total Liquid Assets.....	244,881.87	266,348.39
Premises (including shares in concerns providing meeting places).....	338,700.19	400,957.28
Equipment, and Sundry Fixed Assets.....	95,156.39	106,852.45
Total Assets.....	\$728,738.45	\$774,158.12
LIABILITIES		
Prepaid Dues.....	\$ 9,441.08	\$ 9,501.66
Sundry.....	6,441.58	7,291.44
Total Current Liabilities.....	\$ 15,882.66	\$ 16,793.10
Property Debts.....	24,620.87	17,031.50
Reserves and Funds.....	2,474.66	1,226.39
Total Liabilities.....	42,978.19	35,050.99
SURPLUS.....	685,760.26	739,107.13
	\$728,738.45	\$774,158.12

DISTRICT SUMMARY, 1946

Dis. No.	Lod- No. ges	Total Members	Cash	Securities (See Note)	Dues Unpaid	Owing By	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Prop'y Debt's (See Note)	Halls owned or, in- terest
1	13	1,083	\$11,166.05	\$ 10,475.00	\$ 2,071.00	154	\$ 53,569.22	\$ 1,255.51		8
2	14	2,173	10,798.34	14,093.03	3,311.91	301	115,727.12	10,788.66	\$ 7,111.50	12
3	15	1,274	6,085.91	17,067.46	1,820.75	173	125,015.65	2,568.17	1,500.00	10
4	9	565	2,977.66	9,921.75	1,073.00	75	29,861.96	198.21		6
5	14	1,670	11,528.62	9,860.00	2,505.78	230	55,321.95	3,856.25	2,014.50	7
6	11	634	3,994.06	7,301.41	876.50	95	32,031.72	509.90		8
7	13	740	7,161.43	14,663.00	908.48	84	36,528.66	1,567.01		5
8	10	518	2,760.66	2,350.00	1,123.25	133	10,341.91	295.70		1
9	12	545	3,294.81	3,759.64	487.00	51	20,013.39	1,883.66	1,484.00	3
10	12	689	4,245.50	6,076.00	993.00	57	40,605.85	1,998.89		8
11	11	770	5,798.98	5,462.50	1,792.77	107	47,746.38	3,069.74	2,202.50	7
12	9	714	4,386.56	8,268.77	1,153.90	92	46,107.37	2,862.00	2,399.00	7
13	12	733	4,712.68	8,565.00	1,470.03	152	37,560.71	751.97		5
14	14	907	4,353.46	11,489.20	1,545.90	135	37,530.45	783.60	100.00	5
15	11	475	2,786.46	9,428.21	605.13	58	28,524.45	306.99		4
16	11	598	4,049.28	4,258.50	1,153.19	94	30,844.88	1,550.33	175.00	5
17	11	439	2,178.40	5,074.00	311.50	31	26,828.45	804.40	45.00	7
Total 202		14,527	\$92,278.86	\$148,113.47	\$23,203.09	2,012	\$774,158.12	\$35,050.99	\$17,031.50	108

NOTE—Column headed "Securities" does not include shares in companies, etc. that provide premises for Lodge purposes. However, "Property Debts" column does include balances unpaid re such shares.

Miscellaneous Data:

	For Year 1945	For Year 1946
Reports indicate that:		
All Lodges were visited officially by D.D.G.M's. except	3	5
All Lodges have efficient local officers, except ..	9	5
"Casual" rather than "Definite" methods were employed for instruction purposes in	22-11%	24-11.8%
Certificate of Examining Board for W.M. elect was not properly attended to by	3	6
Premises are owned by or a vested interest there- in is held by Lodges wherein meetings are held in	109-54%	108-53%
Premises used for meeting places are occupied by Lodges, as follows:		
1. Exclusively by Masons	65-32%	67-33%
2. Shared with O.E.S. only	73	69
3. Shared with others with no Masonic interest	58	66
Premises used were not satisfactory in	2	3
Insurance is carried by all Lodges, except	5	4
Audit of Lodge Books neglected in	6	3
Historical Register was not written up-to-date in ..	53-27%	38-18.8%
Notices of Lodge Meetings were not mailed as required in	5	7
Instruction of B. of G.P. with respect to book of Grand Lodge Proceedings was not observed in ..	33-16%	30-15%
Social activities other than at festive board at time of Lodge Meetings not indulged in by ..	95-48%	72-35%
Masonic Study and Research not systematically planned in	92-46%	100-49.5%
Disposal of local benevolence not definitely ar- ranged for in	85-42%	74-36%
Local Benevolence was disbursed (\$5,312 in 1945 and \$5,539 in 1946) by	57	72
Lodges that held fewer than 9 regular meetings each totalled	30-15%	25-14%
D.D.G.M's. witnessed the conferring of or ex- emplification of degrees, etc., at official visits in all Lodges, except	64-32%	56-27%
Attendance of local resident members at meet- ings featured by the official visit of the D.D.- G.M. was disappointing in	48-24%	44-22%

Report — Special Committee Grand Lodge Office Accomodation

M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig submitted the following report. On motion of M.W. Bros. N. R. Craig and D. Fraser it was resolved, "that the report of the Special Building Committee be adopted with a recommendation to the Grand Master that the Committee continue its work and report further at our next Annual Communication."

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes at its meeting held prior to the 1946 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge passed the following resolution:

"It was resolved that the Board of General Purposes recommend to Grand Lodge that the Committee on Finance negotiate for the providing of permanent quarters for Grand Lodge, either with other bodies or on their own, and that they be authorized to pledge Grand Lodge to the extent of \$30,000, a special Building Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master to work with the Committee on Finance."

This resolution was reported to the 1946 Communication of Grand Lodge and the report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted.

Pursuant to these proceedings the M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committee:

M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, Moose Jaw, Chairman.

M.W. Bro. Robert Young, Prince Albert.

M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, Regina.

R.W. Bro. A. F. McFaul, Zealandia.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Hart, Weyburn.

W. Bro. C. G. Schmitt, Saskatoon.

This Building Committee and the Finance Committee met in the Grand Lodge Board Room at the Masonic Temple in Regina on August 24th, 1946.

The Grand Secretary advised the meeting that the Regina Masonic Temple Company had submitted a new lease for a period of five years at the rental at present in force. After considerable discussion the meeting resolved that the lease be executed provided that sufficient additional storage space be set up by the Temple Company and satisfactory to the Grand Secretary. The meeting then proceeded to discuss the possibility of permanent quarters being erected for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge Offices sometime in the future. Some of the brethren favoured a building for Grand Lodge Offices alone. Others of the brethren favoured our joining with other bodies to erect a building suitable for their use and for Grand Lodge Offices. It was finally resolved, after considerable discussion, that a sub-committee be appointed to meet with other Masonic bodies in Regina interested in the erection of a building and that this sub-committee obtain all details with respect to cost, suitable site, and details of accommodation and report back to the general committee within a period of not more than two months.

A resolution was adopted instructing the Grand Secretary to advise the Regina Masonic Temple Company as follows: "Grand Lodge is prepared to execute the lease as submitted on condition that there be provided, promptly, at the cost of the lessor the additional storage accommodation in the basement as offered by the President and subject to the approval thereof by the Grand Secretary and that the proposed lease be amended accordingly."

Pursuant to the action taken by the said committees on the 24th August, 1946, there was correspondence between the Grand Secretary and Bro. Hingley, President of the Board of Directors of the Regina Masonic Temple

Company and Bro. Walter Leslie, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Company, which resulted in a new lease being entered into between the Regina Masonic Temple Company as lessor and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. as lessee of the premises now occupied in the Temple by the Grand Lodge, with the additional accommodation of space being provided for the use of the Grand Lodge in the basement of the Temple for filing storage.

The sub-committee of the Grand Master's Committee on permanent quarters for Grand Lodge met and reported as follows:

(1) A satisfactory lease with the Regina Masonic Temple Company providing additional filing space has been completed for a term of five years. Your sub-committee therefore considers that the pressing urgency for immediate action no longer exists.

(2) The several associated bodies tentatively agreed to join in a building project upon the Directors of the Regina Masonic Temple Company inviting the representatives to meet in conference to consider the possibility of working out some plan to add to the present Temple and use the vacant space presently owned by the Company, same being a portion of the lots on which the present Temple stands. This would substantially reduce the expenditure on the cost of site and type of construction.

After full discussion the matter has been referred by the Temple Company to the seven Regina City Craft Lodges (the sole owners of the Temple) for consideration. If the recommendation of the Directors is approved a definite proposal should be forthcoming within six weeks to two months. Until such decision is reached we suggest the matter should be postponed.

This report of the sub-committee was communicated to the other members of the committee and as the pressing urgency for quarters for Grand Lodge had been satisfactorily met your committee decided that there was no further urgency in the matter and that it could await the report on the reference by the Regina Masonic Temple Company to the seven Regina City Craft Lodges.

So far as your committee is aware no definite action has been taken by the Regina Masonic Temple Company or the Regina City Lodges with respect to an addition to the present Regina Masonic Temple.

This report outlines the proceedings of the committee to date and its results and is submitted to the Board of General Purposes and to Grand Lodge for the purpose of having this committee given further instructions or discharged at the pleasure of the Grand Master or the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge after recommendation by the Board of General Purposes.

Faternally submitted,

N. R. CRAIG,
Chairman.,

The hour having arrived for adjournment, the Grand Master called the Craft from labour to refreshment.

THE FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 1:30 p.m., M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Reception Grand Representatives

The Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, assembled in the approaches to Grand Lodge.

The Representatives of the Grand Lodges in the British Commonwealth of Nations were escorted into Grand Lodge and announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. W.Bro. Sgt. J. Robinson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Union Jack and the Brethren joined in singing "Land of Hope and Glory."

The Representatives of the Grand Lodges in the United States were escorted into Grand Lodge and announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. S/Sgt. D. J. McCombe, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Stars and Stripes and the Brethren joined in singing "God Bless America."

The Representatives of other Grand Lodges were escorted into Grand Lodge and announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Brethren joined in singing "God Bless Our Native Land."

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin extended the greetings of all the Grand Lodges represented. He said he was impressed by the patriotic ceremonies which showed a community of interest between the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States. Reference was made of the loss which had been sustained by the United Grand Lodge of England in the death of its Grand Master, the Earl of Harewood, brother-in-law of King George VI. The Grand Lodge of Denmark had lost their Grand Master in the person of King Christian X. Bro. Martin touched upon the conditions of the countries in Europe.

The Grand Master acknowledged the greetings and instructed the Grand Representatives to convey to their respective Grand Lodges the kindest felicitations of Saskatchewan Freemasonry, and suggested further that they carry on correspondence with their respective Grand Lodges throughout the year.

The Grand Representatives were then accorded Grand Honours.

GRAND SECRETARY OF ALBERTA

M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes reported that arrangements had been carried out for M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary of Alberta, returning home to Calgary by plane. Bro. Moore took seriously ill on his arrival in Regina. The Grand Secretary was instructed to request our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta to act for us in the matter of extending courtesies to Bro. Moore during his illness and keeping us advised as to his condition and progress toward recovery.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

On motion of M.W. Bros. R. Young and J. C. Carter, it was resolved: "That the time has arrived to take steps to procure a permanent home of our own and that a sum of money, the amount to be fixed by the Finance Committee, be set aside each year as a Building Fund."

Address

R.W. Bro. E. H. Knowles, Grand Chaplain, was then called on and addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"The Grand Master has desired that I should address you, as we gather together in the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction.

"We are reminded in our Opening Ceremony of two profound principles of our Craft. The first is that we solemnly invoked the blessing of the Most High, and asked 'for that preventing grace without which all human efforts are of no avail.' The second is that we referred to the Sacred Law in these words, 'grant that our labours thus begun in order and obedience to our Laws.' So then, we accept as 'our Laws' the Laws of the Most High as being the laws under which our Craft is guided, and that the Volume of the Sacred Law is thus accepted in the life of Freemasonry. With such a profound declaration we are expressing to our brethren wherever they may be the two great doctrines which we find in that Law, i.e., 'The Fatherhood of God' and 'The Fellowship of the Brethren.'

"Two years ago, the clouds of war rolled by and our thoughts were turned upon what mankind calls the winning of the peace. In other words, mankind is saying 'What shall we do with peace now that we have it?' This question appears to be so difficult, and the process of 'winning' has so far been so slow that there are those who wonder whether it will ever be won, indeed, some are inclined to look back and to exclaim 'Give us the days that are past.' What does Freemasonry say to this? Our answer is found in the writings of Koheleth, the preacher, whose writings are familiar to us all in the Craft in the Book of Ecclesiastes. Koheleth says, 'Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this'.

"So then, to us it is not a matter of looking back, of remembering the days that are past, the prosperity which has been ours, the development of Masonry in all parts of the world, or even the growing of numbers in our Craft, but rather a looking forward into the future, with determination to take our part in all that concerns the overcoming of evil, the recovery and re-establishment of all that is good and sound and true, and the belief that where wisdom guides and where the things of grace are restored in human minds, there will, through our trust in the Fatherhood of God, and our firm belief in the Fellowship of the brethren, come to those who come after us the re-assurance that what humanity most needs in these days of testing and trying, is such a spirit of good will that, laying aside self-concern and self-centredness we shall bring the full weight of our principles to bear upon the things which stand in the way of peace. The purposes of the Most High are not made known to man. Who can fathom them, and so the Preacher says, well that we do not inquire wisely concerning this.

"But, the Preacher follows up his injunction by telling us to 'Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shall find it after many days.'

"There is a profound injunction in this, which it is well that we should observe. They are well emphasized in the words of John Keble:

"Go, to the world return, nor fear to cast
Thy bread upon the waters, sure at last
In joy to find it after many days.
The work be thine, the fruit thy children's part:
Choose to believe, not see."

"Herein is a very high ideal. In it there stretches before Masonry a profound opportunity to be found in enlisting the interest of the young men of to-day. To them we have much to offer in our Fellowship, and in an ordering of life under our sympathetic discipline and in our mutual accord with all that is good in human life and in the community.

"'Cast thy bread upon the waters.' In the young life around us there lies the greatest value in the on-coming men of to-morrow, men who will be taking our places in all callings of human life. That they will find places of usefulness and honour in the offices of our Order can be assured to them and to us if to-day we seek them and find them.

"This is the work that may be ours as we go out from this Annual Communication and to the world return. The fruit of so doing will be found in our children of the future amongst whom we shall find our joy in seeing their numbers within the ranks of our Order.

"In so doing will be revealed the wisdom of Koheleth, the Preacher, in his assurance that we shall 'find it after many days.'"

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin and R. Young, was received and together with the reviews of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions, ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Report of Committee on Finance

M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes submitted the report of the Committee on Finance, which, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes and V. W. Bro. E. C. Bird, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

We submit our report for the Financial Year ended March 31st, 1947.

The Auditor reports that the records of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are in order and your committee, after examination of these reports, recommend the same for adoption of Grand Lodge.

A lease was entered into for five years from April 1st, 1946, for the present Grand Lodge Offices, with additional filing space, at the original rental of \$1,380 per annum. This of course merely postpones the question of permanent quarters but it should carry us over, in a substantial measure, the period of shortages of building material.

The membership and income of Grand Lodge continue to grow. In addition to the cash in the Bank at the end of the year we had purchased bonds at a cost of \$2,043.90 and paid for Constitutions, etc., not included in the 1946 estimates, \$2,280.56.

Attached are the statements showing estimated and actual receipts for 1946 and suggested expenditures for 1947 and to March 31, 1948.

Fraternally submitted,
FRED C. HAYES,
Chairman.

RECEIPTS

	1946 Estimated	1946 Actual	1947 Estimated
Membership Fees.....	\$10,200.00	\$10,722.80	\$10,500.00
Initiation Fees.....	4,000.00	4,372.00	4,200.00
Affiliation Fees.....	200.00	167.00	150.00
Commuted Life Membership Fees.....	525.00	935.20	800.00
Past Master and Other Certificates.....	200.00	280.00	250.00
Dispensations.....	300.00	424.00	400.00
Sale of Supplies.....	750.00	1,297.05	1,000.00
Interest on Bonds.....	955.85	957.08	957.08
Benevolent Fund Grand.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Arrears Collected.....	-----	5.20	-----
Fees paid in advance.....	-----	2.00	-----
Re non-existent Lodge.....	-----	10.00	-----
	<u>\$18,130.85</u>	<u>\$20,172.33</u>	<u>\$19,257.08</u>

EXPENDITURES:**Salaries and Honoraria:**

Grand Secretary.....	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,600.00
Grand Treasurer.....	200.00	200.00	200.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00	15.00	15.00
Stenographer.....	1,380.00	1,306.48	1,320.00
Office Assistance.....	960.00	850.20	1,020.00
Stenographer, Grand Lodge.....	10.00	3.68	10.00
Auditor.....	250.00	250.00	250.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	200.00	200.00	200.00
	<u>\$ 6,315.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,125.36</u>	<u>\$ 6,615.00</u>

Honourary Grand Secretary, Retiring

Allowance.....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
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Travelling Expenses:

D.D.G.M.'s.....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 548.51	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Master.....	750.00	814.56	750.00
Grand Secretary.....	750.00	749.32	750.00
Board of General Purposes.....	750.00	484.33	600.00
General Travelling Expenses.....	300.00	253.25	500.00
Conference of Western Grand Lodges.....	300.00	297.20	300.00
	<u>\$ 4,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,146.17</u>	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>

Miscellaneous:

Office Rent.....	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00
Unemployment Insurance.....	25.00	50.25	50.00
Printing Proceedings.....	750.00	680.40	750.00
Stationery and Office Incidentals.....	725.00	720.91	725.00
Safety Deposit Box.....	5.00	5.00	5.00
Postage and Excise.....	750.00	730.06	750.00
Post Office Box Rental.....	8.00	8.00	8.00
Relief.....	200.00	75.00	200.00
Superannuation, Grand Secretary.....	561.60	561.60	561.60
Grand Master's Regalia.....	250.00	232.01	250.00
General Expense.....	400.00	647.00	500.00
Grand Lodge Expense.....	350.00	333.33	400.00
Regalia and Office Equipment.....	-----	806.82	-----
Bond Purchase.....	-----	2,043.90	-----
	<u>\$ 5,404.60</u>	<u>\$ 8,274.28</u>	<u>\$ 5,579.60</u>

Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,315.00	\$ 6,125.36	\$ 6,615.00
	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	4,050.00	3,146.17	3,900.00
	5,404.60	8,274.28	5,579.60
	<u>\$16,969.60</u>	<u>\$18,745.81</u>	<u>\$17,294.60</u>
Cash on Hand and in Bank at beginning of year . . .	\$ 7,649.46		
Cash on Hand and in Bank at end of year	6,795.42		
Cash Decrease	\$ 854.04		
Estimated Receipts			\$19,257.08
Estimated Expenditures	\$17,294.60		
Reserve for Office Equipment and Regalia	1,000.00		
			<u>\$18,294.60</u>
Estimated Surplus on Year's Operations		\$ 962.48	

Address

M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, the Senior Active Past Grand Master of Ontario, then addressed Grand Lodge. He expressed his great delight at being able to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge in Ontario. It was a personal pleasure to renew contacts which he had made with the Grand Master and other Grand Officers of Saskatchewan, at the Banff and Quebec Conferences. It was a great privilege to see the activities and be present at the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in Saskatchewan. While there may be some variations in certain things, both our Jurisdictions are essentially one in the common objective to make Masons. He was afraid some of the Ontario Lodges were overlooking the objective of making Masons, **real Masons**, not Masons in form, but Masons in spirit, also in character. The strength of Masonry does not rest in its secrecy, or in its numerical strength, or in the beauty and sublimity of ritual. It rests rather in the simplicity of its faith and becoming more and more the efficient servant of mankind. He prayed that the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan may continue to be a Jurisdiction brilliant in its history, honoured in its constituents, and rich and inspiring in its traditions.

Report of Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity

R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity, which on motion of R.W. Bros. A. S. Pipes and A. Greaves, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

During the past year no requests for assistance have been received by your Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity, and no grants have been made.

Fraternally submitted,
A. S. PIPES, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Charters

M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter presented the report of the Committee on Charters which, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter and R.W. Bro. A. Greaves, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

The Committee on Charters beg to report as follows:

A Dispensation was issued to the Brethren of Rose Valley, dated March 22nd, 1946, the Lodge being instituted April 15th, 1946. The Committee have examined the Dispensation, books and records of Rose Valley Lodge and recommend that a Charter be issued. Attention of the Secretary should be drawn to the fact that the names of the members in full should be inserted in the register in all cases. It is further noticed that insurance was not placed on the regalia and furnishings at the time of the D.D.G.M.'s inspection of the books and if same has not been placed then it should be done at once.

A dispensation was issued to the Brethren at Meadow Lake dated May 15th, 1946, the Lodge being instituted May 30th, 1946. The Committee have examined the books and records of Meadow Lake Lodge and recommend that a Charter be issued. Your Committee would mention that no Attendance Register was submitted for their inspection.

A Dispensation was issued to the Brethren of Northern Light Lodge located at Loon Lake. The Dispensation was dated June 21st, 1946. The Lodge was instituted on July 16th, 1946. The Committee have examined the Dispensation, books and records of Northern Light Lodge and recommend that a Charter be issued. Your Committee note that the Treasurer's book was not kept up to the standard of the other books submitted.

Petition was filed by the Brethren at Aberdeen for the institution of a Lodge and a Dispensation was issued, dated January 11th, 1947. The Lodge was instituted on March 12th, 1947. The Dispensation, books and records of the Lodge have been examined and the Committee recommend that the Dispensation be continued until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternaly submitted,
J. C. CARTER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Necrology

R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser presented the report of the Committee on Necrology which, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser and V.W. Bro. T. Guest was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Let us turn aside for a few minutes, while we pay tribute to the memory of 183 brethren, who since last we met, have taken their demits from the Lodges of this mundane sphere, and have affiliated with the Grand Lodge Above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns forever and ever.

Earl Balfour, when he faced this prospect, remarked, "This is going to be a great experience"; and such must be the attitude of all men of faith, such as Masons, who believe in the unerring and impartial justice of the Supreme Being and in the immortality of the soul of man. Death is not the end, but the beginning; the entrance into an existence more abundant; a grander

vista; a richer friendship; more satisfactory occupation; a closer fellowship with the Wisdom of the Omniscient, the Strength of the Omnipotent, and the Beauty of Holiness; an eternal opportunity to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others; a reality of perfect harmony. We deplore their loss, but we cannot mourn, for there, there is no night, no sorrow, no disappointment, no disunity.

R.W. Bro. George Grant, Quill Lake Lodge No. 169. Initiated in Wadena Lodge No. 87, May 30, 1921; affiliated with Quill Lake Lodge, March 1923; Worshipful Master 1926; D.D.G.M. District No. 15 in 1929; died July 28, 1946. "He was a faithful and zealous member of the Craft".

R.W. Bro. William Connell, Nipawin Lodge No. 183. Initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 544, Scotland; became a charter member of Tisdale Lodge No. 76 in 1911; demitted to become a charter member of Nipawin Lodge in 1925; Worshipful Master, 1926; appointed Grand Steward 1927; D.D.G.M. District No. 1 in 1932; member Board of General Purposes 1940; died August 4, 1946, following an automobile street-car accident, July 27; buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Vancouver, with Masonic rites, by Unity Lodge No. 91, with all pallbearers from Saskatchewan Lodges. "Masonry had a great influence on his life. No brother in the northern part of this province was better known or held in higher respect".

R.W. Bro. Thomas Stedman Dundass, Landmark Lodge No. 44. Initiated January 13, 1913; Worshipful Master 1922; D.D.G.M. District No. 7 in 1942; died August 11, 1946. "He was an ardent and faithful member of the Craft, and rendered outstanding service".

R.W. Bro. Eustace Morton Vesey, M.D., Canora Lodge No. 59. Initiated November 26, 1909; Worshipful Master 1913; D.D.G.M. District No. 15 in 1921; Honorary Life Member March 1, 1929; died January 19, 1947. "In spite of being an exceptionally busy man in his profession, he served Masonry to outstanding advantage".

R.W. Bro. Henry Turner, Yorkton Lodge No. 12. Affiliated January 4, 1917, from Rothschild Lodge No. 2420, England; withdrew in 1920 to become a charter member of Springside Lodge No. 159, and became its first Worshipful Master, and an Honorary Member in 1931. Springside Lodge subsequently surrendering its charter, he again affiliated with Yorkton Lodge, May 3, 1935; D.D.G.M. District No. 10 in 1928; 50 Year Certificate and Gold Button, August 26, 1946; died February 14, 1947. "He served Masonry diligently and faithfully in both Springside and Yorkton Lodges".

R.W. Bro. Frederick William Hart, M.D., Indian Head Lodge No. 5. Initiated August 3, 1906, when this lodge was No. 33 on the Grand Register of Manitoba; Worshipful Master, 1916; D.D.G.M. District No. 4 in 1928; died May 21, 1947, in Vancouver. "A tireless worker and a keen Masonic student. During his many years of active membership he rendered outstanding service".

V.W. Bro. Ira A. Lawrence, Honorary Member Ionic Lodge No. 31. Initiated in Lang Lodge No. 34, February 26, 1912; affiliated with Ionic Lodge in 1914; Worshipful Master, 1922; appointed Grand Steward 1933; died May 25, 1946.

V.W. Bro. Arthur William Robinson, Prince Rupert Lodge No. 35. Initiated January 27, 1922; Worshipful Master, 1927; appointed Grand Pursuivant 1931; died suddenly while curling, January 2, 1947. "In loyalty to his Mother Lodge, he retained his membership after moving to Saskatoon, believing it needed his support. Friendly, unassuming, and courteous, he lived his Masonry, and was ever ready to serve where needed".

V.W. Bro. Lloyd Gesuer Moffat, Harmony Lodge No. 75. Initiated April 5, 1917; Worshipful Master, 1922; appointed Grand Steward 1924; died January 20, 1947.

V.W. Bro. James Alpin Smith, Estevan Lodge No. 25. Initiated in Battle Lodge No. 38 on the Grand Register of Manitoba, April 6, 1892. When Battle Lodge surrendered its charter, Bro. Smith, who was with the North-West Mounted Police, became a charter member of Estevan Lodge, October 13, 1905, and its first Worshipful Master. He was present at the organization of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, August 9, 1906, and was appointed Grand Steward, thereby becoming one of the first appointed officers of this Grand Jurisdiction. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon, 1908; received his 50 Year Certificate and Gold Button, September 18, 1942; Died May, 24 1947.

These are also included in the long list of Brethren from 102 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, who applied the Working Tools to their morals, who wrought skilfully and devotedly, and changed the rough ashlar to the perfect stone. Of these, without prejudice or preferment we should like to enlarge on two.

W. Bro. Donald Sinclair McCannel, Wascana Lodge No. 2, who died October 2, 1946, was initiated in 1887 in Wascana Lodge, when it was No. 23 on the Grand Register of Manitoba. In 1892 he transferred to Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 34, G.R.M., where he served as Worshipful Master. On January 6, 1903, he again became a member of Wascana Lodge and in 1939 was made an Honorary Life Member, and presented with the 50 Year Gold Button. He was a pioneer of Regina and Western Canadian Freemasonry. He headed the first party of homesteaders to settle in what is now Regina and was the first school teacher in the settlement.

On March 12, 1947, Saskatchewan lost an outstanding citizen in the person of the Honorable Colonel Hugh Edwin Munroe, M.D., F.R.C.S., O.B.E., who had been a member of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 since 1906. Although he had never gone through the chairs, his contribution to good citizenship and his services to the state and his fellow citizens, calls for more than passing mention. An early pioneer doctor in Saskatoon, he was largely responsible for the establishment of the city hospital. Born at St. Elmo, Ontario, in 1878, he was a graduate in medicine from McGill, and a post-graduate from Edinburgh. In the First Great War, he was a medical officer in France and in Greece during the Dardenelles campaign, returning home in 1916 to organize a hospital unit, which he commanded in England and France. He was three times mentioned in despatches. An alderman in the early days of Saskatoon, he was Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, 1930 to 1936.

This committee wishes to record its sincere sympathy with the Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson, who lost his father, J. K. Wilson, in February. Mr. Wilson was not a Mason, but was an Oddfellow, and made his contribution there. During a long life of 80 years, as a storekeeper, civil servant, and a supporter of clean sport, he was greatly respected.

Our sympathy goes to our distinguished Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, in the passing of his life partner, November 23rd, 1946. During forty years of residence in Saskatchewan, Mrs. Martin was universally esteemed for her human interests and multitude of good deeds, as well as her faithful acceptance of her responsibilities in her husband's busy and extensive activities.

Following an annual custom, members of Masonic Lodges formerly from Saskatchewan, assembled at the Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria, B.C., on Sunday afternoon, May 25, and placed flowers on the graves of departed brethren, including that of the Honorable Walter Scott, former premier of Saskatchewan. V.W. Bro. William Niblock was in charge of arrangements. R.W. Bro. Walter Walker spoke briefly, and a fitting ceremony was conducted by M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon J. K. Irwin, P.G.M. of this Grand Lodge, and Rev. Bro. Walter Ross.

Flowers were placed on the graves of M.W. Bro. H. Jagger, Moose Jaw; R.W. Bro. F. A. Proctor, Fort Qu'Appelle; R.W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, Regina;

and the following other brethren: J. P. Dill, Wolseley; W. T. Mollard, E. R. Jenkins, G. L. Hopkins, J. M. Young and A. Roberts, all Regina; A. H. Shaw and J. C. Waddington, Weyburn; W. G. Watson, A. L. Bamford and W. H. Appleton, Saskatoon; Thomas Miller, George Wilkins and M. L. Fairchild, Moose Jaw; F. G. Smith, Melfort; J. C. Crump, Pense; J. E. Keltie, Francis; R. L. Spencer, Unity; Levi N. Nelson, Tisdale; F. N. Bowles, Rosetown; W. H. Smith, Elrose; G. B. Johnson, Strasbourg.

The following Saskatchewan brethren were in attendance: Prince Albert: W. Stanley, John McArthur, J. W. Graham, Robert Laurie. Regina: W. Niblock, H. Brockway, J. K. Irwin, James Adams, Rex Smart, R. J. Westgate, E. T. Ellison. Moose Jaw: F. C. Harwood, J. H. Laird, H. Mayhew, W. P. Angus, C. A. Hislop. Indian Head: T. Welsh; Qu'Appelle: T. A. Mattick; Melfort: T. Clark; Rouleau: J. M. Archibald; Outlook: J. Green, W. Michie, F. Reid; Dundurn: E. Haggis; Kindersley: A. Hancock; Saskatoon: H. M. Hennequin; Tisdale: A. Mallinson, L. W. Topham, Frank Fear, W. E. Moore, Richard Farr; Broderick: S. E. McMillan; Radville: W. Purnell; Weyburn: S. Rodgeron; Limerick: H. Smallshaw; Biggar: William Smith; Harris: John Wilson and Rev. W. W. McPherson, Saskatoon and Rev. Walter Ross, Chateaugay, New York. We are indebted to Bro. J. H. Laird for this report.

Life! we've been long together.

Through pleasant and through cloudy weather:

'Tis hard to part when friends are dear—

Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear.

Then steal away; give little warning;

Choose thine own time; say not "Good Night"—

But in some brighter clime,

Bid me, "Good Morning".

(Ann Barbould, 1743-1825)

M.W. Grand Master, this is the report of your committee on Necrology. Many of the departed brethren we knew, all of them in memory we revere. We recommend that memorial pages, complete in detail be inserted in the Proceedings.

Faternally submitted,

W. H. MOOR, Chairman.

Address

M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in a brief address to the Grand Lodge said it was a great privilege to bring greetings and best wishes from the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba. He continued, "We watch with pride your progress and achievements. I feel I must express my personal thanks for the courtesies you have extended to me as a guest of your Grand Lodge, in which you have made me feel so much at home. It was in Saskatchewan I first saw Masonic light and I do very much appreciate the honours you have given me. I came not merely to enjoy the city, or to enjoy the fellowship, although these bring great satisfaction. I came for something greater than that. I wanted to watch your work, listen to your plans and get a wider vision of Freemasonry, and to see what Freemasonry means. I sometimes wonder that Freemasonry has been able to achieve so much with such poor instruments, but we must take our work seriously". He then repeated a prayer which he had found helpful. "Lord, bless the folks who somehow haven't got there. Bless the folk who

meant to do something fine, and haven't done it yet: the folk who might have lived more nobly, the folk who are not as good as they ought to be and know it, who have tried to go straight and failed, who get up, meaning to keep their temper and lose it before breakfast. Lord, bless all those and give them heart to try all over again. And I am one who has fallen short. Lord help me to bring a first-rate great spirit to a second-rate life."

Presentation

At the conclusion of his address, M.W. Bro. Donnelly called upon M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate to come forward. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba he presented him with a certificate conferring upon him the rank of an Honorary Past Grand Master of Manitoba. He was proud to do this for several reasons, first because M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate made his first contribution to Masonry under the Manitoba Jurisdiction; secondly, for M.W. Bro. Tate's great contribution to Saskatchewan Freemasonry; and thirdly, because he was just W. B. Tate, just himself, who was noted for his kindness, sincerity and thoughtfulness.

Report of Committee on Library

M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith presented the report of the Committee on Library, which on motion of M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith and R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library beg leave to report that we have inspected the Grand Lodge Library and find the same in as good condition as the space available for its housing and care will permit.

As reported at the last Communication of Grand Lodge the bookcases, equipment and space are inadequate to accommodate the Grand Lodge reports, books, historical records, jewels, etc., which are presently in possession of Grand Lodge, without reference to such records as annually come to the office.

The securing of a circulating library and adequate reference books, such as has been previously recommended, cannot, in the opinion of your Committee, be undertaken until such time as suitable and ample space becomes available. This is said with a full realization of the desirability of a circulating library.

Fraternally submitted,
W. J. SMITH, Chairman.

Report of Board of Custodians

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate presented the report of the Board of Custodians which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and D. Fraser, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

The Custodians of The Work beg to submit the following report:

A meeting of the Board was held in the Grand Lodge Board Room at Regina on Tuesday, May 27th, at which meeting the Board discussed particularly, a number of questions relative to the Work of the Third Degree and developed rulings with respect to same.

The decisions of the Custodians have been recorded by the Grand Secretary and will be communicated to the constituent Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction at the District Meetings this year.

Fraternally submitted,
W. B. TATE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Printing and Supplies

V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird presented the report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies which, on motion of V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird and R. W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The necessary printing and supplies required for the work in the Office of Grand Lodge have been procured.

During the year your Committee authorized the purchase of one steel filing cabinet and a dictaphone. The latter was a major expenditure but has proved to be a very great addition to the efficient operation of Grand Lodge Office.

Orders were placed for two new suits of Regalia, one for the Grand Junior Warden and the other for the Grand Secretary. Both of the suits now in use are in a very bad state of repair after forty years continuous service.

Tenders for the printing of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1947 were called, the work being awarded by your Committee to the lowest tenderer.

An appropriation is again being made by the Finance Committee for replacement of Grand Lodge Regalia and Office Equipment. These expenses are being kept as low as possible, consistent with efficiency in the Grand Lodge Office and necessity as regards Grand Lodge Regalia.

All expenses in connection with printing and supplies for the past year are well within our budget.

Fraternally submitted,
E. CULLUM BIRD, Chairman.

Report of Committee on the Tracing Board

Bro. George E. Robins (Editor) presented the report of the Editorial Committee on "The Tracing Board," which, on motion of M.W. Bro. D. Fraser and R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Editorial Committee of the Tracing Board begs to submit its Fifth Annual Report. In the April issue this year we reached the publication of the Fiftieth Issue. In spite of the difficulties of the war years, during which

the Tracing Board was born, and in spite of the upsets of the post-war years following, your monthly messenger has always made its regular appearance on time.

As we suggested in the Fiftieth Editorial, through the medium of the Tracing Board we have travelled together through the portals of Freemasonry, walked along its highways and followed the direction of its signboards. During the dark days of the global war of destruction and the hectic days of global peace-planning we have kept to our policy of presenting Masonic truth, so that individual members and Lodges may be strengthened and inspired to make the Craft an effective factor in rebuilding a world which has suffered much loss, but whose eternal foundations still stand.

Your Committee feels that the publication of your paper has been justified as proved by the following facts:

(1) The continued friendly reception it receives from the constituent Lodges as shown by the circulation figures.

(2) The individual letters of appreciation which frequently reach us.

(3) The practical way in which it is assisting the Brethren by supplying them information about Freemasonry from various sources, and inspiration to carry out its moral purposes.

(4) The recognition of its value to Freemasonry by other Grand Jurisdictions who make use of material from the columns of The Tracing Board in their own Masonic publications.

The Committee extends its thanks to the Brethren for their support. It is your publication and we desire to continue to serve the Craft by using every channel of assistance open to us.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. ROBINS, Editor.

The hour having arrived for adjournment the Grand Master declared Grand Lodge adjourned until 9.00 a.m., Thursday, June 19th.

Banquet

The Regina Masonic Council, representing the seven Regina City Lodges, arranged a banquet which was attended by some 300 Brethren. W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, Emulation Lodge No. 186, acted as Chairman. The head table was graced by the presence of M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master; His Honour W. Bro. R. J. M. Parker, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan; Hon. C. C. Williams, representing the Province of Saskatchewan; M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; M.W. Bro. Charles Davidson, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Montana; M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Alberta; R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate (Fifty-year Veteran); M.W. Bros. R. Young, W. M. Martin, N. R. Craig, D. Fraser, J. C. Carter, J. O. Clarke, M. Musk, W. J. Smith, S.J.A. Branion, F. C. Hayes; R.W. Bros. H. Mackay, Deputy Grand Master, F. C. Wilson, Grand Senior Warden, W. H. Moor, Grand Junior Warden, Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary and Bishop E. H. Knowles, Grand Chaplain.

A high-class musical programme was contributed by Miss Eleanor Chisholm and Bro. Ian Barrie and a challenging and inspirational address was delivered by M.W. Bro. Charles Davidson, Past Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Montana. Special honour was accorded the wearers of Saskatchewan's Fifty Year Veteran Gold Button, who attended as special guests of the M.W. the Grand Master, and advantage was taken of the opportunity to present Fifty Year Gold Buttons and Fifty Year Grand Lodge Certificates to R.W. Bro. William Barber of Meyronne Lodge No. 128 and to W. Bro. Warren McKinstry of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9.

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday, June 19th; M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Nominations

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Grand Secretary declared the following written nominations, in each case signed by a member of Grand Lodge, had been delivered to him by 10.00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18th, as provided in Section 36.

Grand Senior Warden: W. H. Moor (16).

Grand Junior Warden: F. Hedley Auld (186), E. C. Bird (174), T. L. Ferguson (110), G. H. Glover (3), A. Greaves (144), A. W. Gunn (68), R. L. Hanbidge (90), W. H. Hart (125), J. A. Lackey (25), J. C. K. Langford (60), R. R. McEwen (69), D. A. McMillan (196), J. Parks (73).

Grand Treasurer: W. J. Smith (110).

Grand Secretary: Robt. A. Tate (11).

Grand Registrar: A. S. Pipes (3).

Board of General Purposes: A. M. Bell (74), E. C. Bird (174), W. E. Bristowe (1), A. Greaves (144), R. L. Hanbidge (90), G. H. Hummel (133), R. W. Kirkby (63), T. R. Luke (12), R. R. McEwen (69), A. E. Miscampbell (154), A. Shotter (184).

NOMINATIONS—BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for the Board of Benevolence: S. J. A. Branion (63), D. Fraser (49).

Report of Credential Committee

R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes presented the report of the Credential Committee which, on motion of R.W. Bros. A. S. Pipes and A. Greaves, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Credential Committee have pleasure in submitting the following report at this the 41st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

There are 202 Lodges on the Register of which only five have the Worshipful Master and both Wardens in attendance. There are 51 Lodges not

represented. There are 79 Worshipful Masters and 68 Wardens, with 262 Past Masters, in attendance; a total of 409 representatives, carrying a vote of 629.

This represents an increase in attendance, but the number of Lodges not represented is still too high. Also the number of Masters and Wardens in attendance is far below what it should be, and again we suggest this be drawn to the attention of the Lodges at the District Meetings and by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. PIPES, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Masonic History

W. Bro. E. H. M. Knowles presented the report of the Committee on Masonic History which, on motion of W. Bro. E. H. M. Knowles and R. W. Bro. W. H. Moor, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Two historical records have been added to the archives, as well as some valuable documents relating to the Masonic history of past members.

There are still lacking in the archives some important chapters in the history of Freemasonry in Saskatchewan. As we read through our Proceedings each year we note with regret the passing of many faithful and devoted members who carry with them much data concerning the formative years of our craft in this Jurisdiction. Many pieces of information of great historical importance to constituent Lodges and to this Grand Jurisdiction are lost. On the other hand, many constituent lodges are enabled to acquaint its younger members with details of the painstaking efforts of its founders and to inspire them with references to a fine historical background. It is to be hoped that special efforts will be made during the ensuing year to complete our records.

The biography of the Grand Master has been written and submitted for inclusion in the Annual Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. M. KNOWLES, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence

M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion presented the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence which, on motion of M.W. Bros. S. J. A. Branion and W. M. Martin, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence submits the following report:

We congratulate our Grand Master upon completion of a Masonic year in which the increase in membership is greater than in any other year since 1921; in which one new Lodge was constituted, in which dispensations for

two new Lodges were issued and in which three Lodges under dispensation made such progress that they are now to be granted their charters.

The Masonic year appears now to be culminating in a Communication with larger attendance than ever before. We note his insistence that at the present time the study of Freemasonry by those who enter its portals, so that they may become truly Masonic in knowledge and in outlook, is much more important than any effort to increase our membership. With this attitude of the Grand Master we heartily agree.

Our Grand Master was faced with an emergency in regard to the place at which this Communication of Grand Lodge should be held. There are few locations in the Province where there are available both good facilities for the sessions of Grand Lodge itself and sufficient hotel accommodation for those who attend. We approve of the Grand Master's decision to call Grand Lodge to meet at Regina this year.

The Grand Master in his address recommends the setting up of a committee to prepare a manual of instruction and assistance for Masters of Lodges. With due deference, your committee does not consider the labour and the cost of so doing justifiable. With our Constitution recently reviewed; with our system of Masonic Education so long continued and the material published in the Proceedings from year to year; with material in the Tracing Board available to all Masons; with our system of instruction in District Meetings and with the assistance provided by D.D.G.M.'s, we believe that this Jurisdiction is making adequate provision for instruction of Masters. We recommend no action.

Our Grand Master's reference to the distresses of European Grand Lodges and the difficulties surrounding their rehabilitation is very timely and emphasizes a matter which is of great importance to Freemasonry all the world round.

We are pleased to note that in his visitations to other Grand Lodges our Grand Master continued the practice of attending the Annual Communications of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba and our Sister Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Again we commend the repetition by the Grand Master in the concluding section of his address of his sense of the importance, and indeed the supreme value, of the study of the principles of Freemasonry to the end that quality rather than numbers shall be the determining feature of our beloved Craft.

The Notices of Motions to be presented at this Communication of Grand Lodge we have found to be in order and proper to be submitted to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
S. J. A. BRANION, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Freemasonry and Youth

W. Bro. E. H. M. Knowles presented the report of the Committee on Freemasonry and Youth which, on motion of W. Bro. E. H. M. Knowles and R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

This committee has received and approved various applications for the use of the funds by constituent Lodges. It has not been possible to embark upon any project until such time as the funds are available and a definite and concrete plan has been approved. Many lodges have maintained their

contacts with members of the armed forces and have continued periodical contacts with youth by special nights and instructive programmes. It is difficult to find a field for Masonic interest in youth but when the time comes that field must be found, and Masonry, through proper channels, must make its contribution to the future of the world by attention to character and citizenship spheres. It is to be hoped that special consideration will be given to such a plan as will benefit generally rather than particular cases. With this in view such plans might well be given careful consideration by other Grand Jurisdictions as a National Plan or a Western Plan might well be more effective than the individual efforts of each Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,
E. H. M. KNOWLES, Chairman.

Election of Officers

The hour having arrived for the election of Officers, the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks; R. W. Bros. A. P. MacLean, F. B. Lewis, J. K. Pomeroy; W. Bros. J. F. Bell, P. K. Brown, A. Thomson, J. A. Stueck, W. E. Rose, W. Turner, A. Sanburn, scrutineers. The result of the ballot was as follows:

R.W. Bro. Hector Mackay (62) ----- Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson (163) ----- Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor (16) ----- Grand Senior Warden
 R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld (186) ----- Grand Junior Warden
 M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith (110) ----- Grand Treasurer
 R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate (11) ----- Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes (3) ----- Grand Registrar
 V.W. Bro. T. H. Reeves (16) ----- Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following Brethren were elected to the Board of General Purposes for two years: A. M. Bell (74), E. C. Bird (174), A. Greaves (144), R. L. Hanbidge (90), G. H. Hummel (133), and for one year: R. R. McEwen (69).

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following Brethren were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing three years: S. J. A. Branion (63), D. Fraser (49).

Report of "Get Together" Meeting of Representatives OF THE GRAND LODGES OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA AND THE DOMINION OF NEWFOUNDLAND

M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes submitted the following report, which on motion of M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes and R.W. Bro. N. S. Smith was received, ordered printed in the Proceedings and placed, for discussion, on the Agenda for the 1948 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We are well acquainted with the organization known as the Conference of the Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Masonic Jurisdictions and the excellent assistance and opportunities it has presented to Masonry in Western Canada.

Last October the representatives of the Grand Lodges of the Atlantic Maritimes and Newfoundland met in Moncton and formed an Eastern Conference. The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario lies in between. Its membership totals more than all the Masons in the other eight Provinces. It would be difficult for that Grand Lodge to decide which, if either, of the above mentioned Conferences it should join.

The success of our Western Conference has convinced many of the leaders of Masonry in Canada that it would be to the advantage of Masonry and to the welfare of the nation if an all-British North America Conference could be developed. The possibility of such a conference has been considered by thoughtful Masons on different occasions. Many benefits as well as many difficulties are apparent. The Grand Master of Ontario visited both Conferences last year. He, with the Presidents of the Eastern and Western Conferences, undertook to arrange a gathering of representatives of all Grand Lodges in British North America.

The meeting took place at the Seignior Club, Montebello, Quebec, on the 24th and 25th of February, 1947. There were thirty-one Brethren in attendance, including seven Grand Masters and two Deputy Grand Masters from the Provinces of Canada, and two representatives from Newfoundland, one of the English and the other of the Scottish Constitution. The number of representatives from the different Jurisdictions were: Alberta, 5; British Columbia, 2; Manitoba, 3; New Brunswick, 3; Nova Scotia, 3; Ontario 5; Prince Edward Island, 3; Quebec, 3; Saskatchewan, 2; Newfoundland, English Constitution, 1; Newfoundland, Scottish Constitution, 1.

Your Grand Master and the writer, both being in the East at the time of the gathering, attended as representatives from Saskatchewan. M.W. Bro. Clink has asked me to report on the Conference and I think I can do so best by quoting liberally from the Proceedings.

The gathering having no official status was described as a "get-together" of Grand Masters and other Senior Officers of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. It was opened by an invocation offered by R.W. Bro. Canon Ryder, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master of Quebec in greeting the Brethren said:

"I am impressed and delighted to have the privilege of extending to you a welcome in this great Province of Quebec on an occasion such as this. The occasion is significant and most important. For the first time in the history

of the Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland we have gathered together here in this old Province of Quebec and in this delightful Seignior Club to deliberate, consider frankly, and plan to do something which will be more cohesive for our Masonic fraternity throughout our whole Dominion and Newfoundland

" May our deliberations be fruitful, and may each of you carry away and keep green in your memory recollections of those Masons in Quebec and the other Provinces and Newfoundland whom we meet today. In coming here today as Canadians we will add to our list of friends, deepen our Masonic fellowship and gain a fuller recognition of the things for which our great Order stands."

The Grand Master of Ontario was elected Chairman for the meeting and in his opening remarks stated:

"My first and most pleasant and formal duty is to extend fraternal greetings to this great gathering, representing all the Grand Lodges of British North America, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. On behalf of your Committee—M.W. Bro. Robinson, M.W. Bro. Reid, and myself—may I say that we would be less than human if we were not gratified with the reception accorded our invitation and with the splendid attendance which we have here today. Every Grand Lodge in British North America is represented. I would like to feel, Brethren, that this evidences a determined effort on the part of every Grand Lodge in these Jurisdictions to promote what I regard as one of the great missions of Masonry—to unite men and not divide them.

"In July last I suggested to our Grand Lodge in Ontario—not the first time the suggestion has been made—that Canadian Masonry had a duty to discharge in bringing about a better understanding among the Provinces of the Dominion, and the development throughout these Jurisdictions of a greater national pride and a greater national consciousness. Working together harmoniously and unselfishly and with a singleness of purpose, and that purpose a better Canada for all of our people, will produce results. I would not be surprised if it produced astounding results.

" The development of Canada as a leading nation depends upon the aggregate co-ordinated efforts of individuals. That unit of effort is the person you see every morning in the mirror when you are shaving. The best means of contributing to the unity of men is making them better known to each other, and everything that helps men to understand one another helps towards the discovery of that common ground on which a better and a brighter future will be built."

The Chairman also made it clear, with emphasis, that there was no desire to form a governing or legislative body, but merely to cultivate closer fraternal relations among the several Grand Lodges. He added:

" We have no power to do anything, except the power of our influence which we may exercise upon individual Grand Lodges

"It seems to me that in this we have found one of the great challenges to Masons and to Masonry, to whom we have every right in this great country to look for our leadership. We must develop the spiritual values, the mutual understanding that will permit us to live tolerantly together in this great country. We must accept a broad responsibility for nurturing understanding of complexities and pressures of relations. The task is a formidable one, but it can be mastered. I urge that we do not delay a development of definite projects and to plan for their fulfillment, that we marshal our forces for one mighty effort, that we have patience to endure some possible setbacks, and that we keep our eyes on the final objective and strive unceasingly towards its fulfillment."

The Conference was very well organized. Topics had been suggested and speakers prepared to present them. The topics were:

- (1) Shall we hold a Conference of all Grand Lodges of British North America?
- (2) Grand Lodge Publications.
- (3) Recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions.
- (4) Masonic Education.
- (5) The Mission of Canadian Masonry regarding:
 - (a) The Craft.
 - (b) National Unity.
- (6) How can Masonry avoid repeating the mistakes made following World War I.

Each topic was subdivided and discussed as fully as time would permit. The papers presented were excellent without exception. It was a great privilege to be in attendance.

It would make this report much too long to even sketch the papers and discussion on the several topics but I feel I must refer to the first one, as this Grand Lodge should decide what stand it will take with respect to future such Conferences.

The topic "Shall we hold a Conference of all Grand Lodges of British North America?" was introduced by a speaker from the Western Conference, M.W. Bro. Pilkey, followed by M.W. Bro. Harris of Halifax from the Eastern Conference. It was the most important item on the Agenda. I believe a majority of those present took part in the discussion. It was generally agreed that such a Conference would contribute to Masonic and National unity, that the latter is an urgent problem requiring leadership such as Masons as citizens could and should give. The speakers from the Western Provinces made it clear that they were not in any way attempting to speak for the Western Conference or even their own Grand Lodge.

A committee was appointed to consolidate the results of the discussion and reported as follows:

- (1) That it is desirable that a Conference of the Grand Lodges of British North America should be held from time to time, composed of the Grand Lodges of Canada and the District Grand Lodges in Newfoundland.
- (2) That the next such Conference be held in 1949.
- (3) That each Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge should be represented by three voting representatives.
- (4) That each Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge be asked to contribute to the expenses of such Conference on a basis not exceeding three cents per member as shown by the last published annual membership returns, such sums to cover the cost of the Conference including the expenses of the three voting representatives from each Jurisdiction and the administration expenses of the Conference.
- (5) That any Grand Body may send additional non-voting representatives at its own or their expense.
- (6) That a Conference committee be appointed consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer and two others to decide the time and place of such Conference, the program, chairman, speakers, entertainment, finances and the publication, if deemed advisable, of the proceedings or transactions of the Conference.
- (7) (a) We recommend the following as the first Committee:
Chairman: M.W. Bro. Arthur Cumming, Alberta.
Vice-Chairman: R.W. Bro. George G. Wood, Prince Edward Island.

Secretary-Treasurer: R.W. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon, Ontario.

Additional: M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey Manitoba. R.W. Bro. Canon L. F. Crothers, Quebec, with power to fill casual vacancies.

- (7) The purposes of the Conference will be to promote mutual understanding and closer co-operation and harmony among the several Grand Bodies.
- (8) That a fact-finding committee on Fraternal Relations be formed consisting of M.W. Bros. George Moore, Chairman; W. W. Williamson and R. V. Harris.

The report was adopted unanimously; it represents the constitution of the new Conference, and is submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. HAYES.

Report of Committee on Masonic Education

R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, on behalf of W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

It is my pleasure and privilege to present the report of your Committee on Masonic Education.

The following constituted the Committee for 1946-47:

R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor	R.W. Bro. A. W. Ingram
W. Bro. E. W. Van Blaricom	W. Bro. J. H. Morrow
W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld	W. Bro. L. T. Carmichael
W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, Chairman	
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Secretary	

The material prepared during the past year and published in the Tracing Board was as follows:

September	—Books on Masonry
October	—The Sublime in Freemasonry
November	—The Appeal of Masonry
December	—The Grand Lodge Proceedings 1946
January	—The Point Within the Circle
February	—The Masonic Conception of Education
March	—The Benevolent Fund
April	—The Devotional Aspect of Masonry
May	—The Landmarks of Freemasonry
June	—The Masonic Temple and its Architecture
July	—The Four Tassels

The Committee is much indebted to M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser for his well prepared paper on the "Benevolent Fund" and to V.W. Bro. A. H. Pullinger for his fine essay on "The Four Tassels." The rest of the papers were submitted by members of your Committee and to them we tender our best thanks.

No doubt, less time has been devoted to Masonic Education this past year than formerly by most Lodges in this Jurisdiction due to the very great increase in the amount of degree work as a result of the admission of so many

new members. Nevertheless, it is gratifying to know that much good work has been done to instruct the new Brethren in the meaning of the lectures and charges delivered to them. It is the duty of the W.M. "to communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of his Lodge." Masonic Education is important. We must not neglect it because to that neglect may be attributed in some measure indifference, lack of interest, and the accompanying ills.

Owing to the lack of space, our papers are only brief outlines. They are guides for individual study and research. We have kept in mind that the Tracing Board, through inadvertence, may fall into the hands of non-Masons and accordingly we have made a careful endeavour not to disclose improperly any of our secrets.

Your Committee would like to express its appreciation of the responsibility you have seen fit to place in its hands and also to express the hope that the task has been satisfactorily performed.

At this time we should like to express our thanks to the M.W. the Grand Master, and to the Grand Secretary for their advice and unfailing co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Address

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was called on to address Grand Lodge. After extending the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta he dealt with the matter of the Conference of Grand Lodge Officers held at Banff. He assured the Brethren that these Conferences were not a "joy party" for those who attended from the various Grand Jurisdictions. It meant months of hard work in preparing papers for discussion. One matter that was of concern at all these special Conferences was the question of Lodge attendance. What are we going to do for the newly initiated to keep them attending the Lodge?

Report of Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund

M.W. Bro. D. Fraser presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund which, on motion of M.W. Bros. D. Fraser and S. J. A. Branion, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

As provided by the constitution the Board met on June 20th, 1946, when the following officers were elected:

President —M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser
 Vice-President—M.W. Bro. James McGregor
 Secretary —R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate

On March 26th, 1947, prior to the close of our fiscal year, the full Board convened to consider new applications dealt with temporarily by the executive and review existing grants. Appended to this report is a complete list of grants presently in force.

There have been furnished to all Lodges audited statements of the Benevolent Fund and all other special funds administered by the Board. Careful perusal of the details therein disclosed and a review and discussion in open Lodge is urged on all Worshipful Masters.

An analysis of the statements for 1946 and 1947 discloses the following interesting comparisons, all indicative of the satisfactory state existing:

Increase of:

Initiation fees	\$ 650.00
Per capita tax	512.60
Interest earnings	815.71
Capital	19,334.53
Grants	1,675.45

The capital of the Fund stands at approximately \$445,000.00 and the Annual Grants at \$15,000.00. Thus the increase of capital is accounted for almost wholly by initiation and per capita levies.

Owing to death, which has taken an unusually heavy toll, improved economic conditions and beneficiaries reaching the age entitling them to Old Age Pensions, the numbers on our rolls have been noticeably reduced during the year.

In every case of need prompt action has been taken and grants in accord with the requests of the Lodges have been provided.

Some Lodges have not heeded the suggestion contained in the 1945 report to the effect that in every instance the Lodge should make some contribution toward the grant, its donation being supplemented by the vote from the Fund. We urge all Worshipful Masters to bring this matter to the attention of the Lodges at the earliest date and where there is default that it be remedied.

We again report with grateful thanks the continued interest of individuals and Lodges from whom voluntary assistance was received during the year, as follows:

Mossbank Lodge No. 129	\$ 30.00
O. F. Springer, Kindersley	5.00
Gothic Lodge No. 105	44.16
Battle Lodge No. 19	20.00
Macrorie Lodge No. 191	24.23
Sceptre Lodge No. 140	17.65

The following amounts have been refunded in connection with grants previously made:

Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3	\$ 30.00
Yorkton Lodge No. 12	40.00
Britannia Lodge No. 23	137.55
Estevan Lodge No. 25	51.00
Rosetown Lodge No. 91	10.00

We tender heartfelt thanks to Brethren beyond our Jurisdiction who have assisted in details of visitation, report and distribution of funds on our behalf, and make special acknowledgement of the assistance rendered by the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau. In recognition of that service we again voted the sum of \$50.00.

The annual outline for educational guidance on "Benevolent Fund Night" was prepared and appeared in the "Tracing Board." At the request of the M.W. Grand Master it was devoted to the constitutional aspect of Masonic Benevolence as governed by Approved Ruling No. 41 and a reconciliation thereof with Benevolence in its broadest implications.

The work of the Board goes on harmoniously and the Fund is administered in the belief that for the individual, the Lodges and Grand Lodge equally "the essence of life is the performance of benevolence."

Fraternally submitted,

DOUGLAS FRASER, President.

During the past twelve months, \$15,064.95 has been paid out from the Fund for assistance, as follows:

No.	Lodge	Benef.	Amount
2	Wascana	Mrs. G. H. D.	\$ 62.50
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. P. L.	180.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. W. H.	45.00
4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Bro. A. M. R.	250.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. E. B.	330.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. J. L.	130.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. E. R. D.	120.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. W. K. W.	90.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. E. E. E.	240.00
11	N.W.M.P.	Mrs. R. M.	240.00
12	Yorkton	Bro. A. M. R.	180.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. B.	180.00
12	Yorkton	Bro. B. C. T.	300.00
13	Duck Lake	Bro. J. S.	240.00
14	Sintaluta	Bro. W. E. P.	25.00
15	Amity	Bro. T. W. C.	90.00
19	Battle	Miss E. T.	144.00
23	Britannia	Mrs. A. B.	180.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. E. H.	153.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. M. L. M.	240.00
25	Estevan	Bro. G. A. H.	45.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. J. H.	180.00
32	Golden Rule	Mrs. H. L. C.	240.00
33	Davidson	Bro. G. W. Z.	120.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. L. P.	120.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. B.	216.00
48	Grayson	Mrs. G. B.	240.00
49	Assiniboia	Mrs. E. A. M.	280.00
53	Nanatah	Bro. J. K. I.	360.00
58	King Solomon	Mrs. J. R.	100.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	108.00
62	Melville	Mrs. C. V. M.	120.00
69	Carrot River	Mrs. J. B.	420.00
71	Doric	Mrs. M. M.	360.00
71	Doric	Mrs. P. H. H.	140.00
78	Tugaske	Mrs. J. S.	100.00
80	Connaught	Mrs. L. J. S.	300.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. S. E. G.	300.00
88	Briercrest	Bro. A. F. A.	105.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. G. J. L.	120.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. J. V. A.	300.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. P. H.	180.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. F. M. J.	120.00
95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
96	Yellow Grass	Mrs. J. O.	120.00
103	Composite	Mrs. F. G.	156.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. F.	252.00
111	Aneroid	Bro. T. K.	60.00
114	Central Butte	Mrs. H. W. J.	270.00
118	Paragon	Mrs. S. T. Y.	175.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. H. P.	108.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. A. M.	180.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. J. M.	108.00

No.	Lodge	Benef.	Amount
123	Lancer	Bro. W. C. M.	108.00
124	Mount Hermon	Mrs. A. J.	162.00
125	Latomia	Mrs. A. B.	96.00
130	Togo	Bro. A. B. M.	420.00
131	Dinston	Bro. W. M.	360.00
133	Philathea	Bro. J. R.	40.00
136	St. George	Mrs. F. J. P.	360.00
136	St. George	Mrs. G. M.	180.00
138	Kincaid	Mrs. R. T. M.	135.00
141	Progressive	Mrs. B. G. F.	240.00
143	Hawarden	Mrs. A. E. B.	228.00
143	Hawarden	Mrs. J. A. H.	100.00
144	Victory	Bro. H. G. H.	180.00
147	Elstow	Bro. J. M.	144.00
147	Elstow	Bro. R. A. L.	144.00
151	Viscount	Bro. A. S. M.	120.00
152	Star City	Mrs. F. M.	180.00
152	Star City	Mrs. M.	360.00
164	Milestone	Mrs. D. H.	300.00
165	St. Luke's	Mrs. J. G. K.	240.00
167	Preeceville	Bro. G. E. H.	360.00
172	Memorial	Mrs. W. B.	120.00
179	Kelvington	Bro. T. H. C.	336.00
182	Lonach	Mrs. L. T.	144.00
184	Osage	Bro. O. M. L.	315.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	30.00

At the meeting on March 26th, the reports from the various Lodges in receipt of grants were reviewed and the following grants passed for the year 1947-48:

No.	Lodge	Benef.	Amount
2	Wascana	Mrs. G. H. D.	\$ 150.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. P. L.	180.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. E. B.	330.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. J. L.	390.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. E. R. D.	120.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. W. K. W.	90.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. E. E. E.	240.00
11	N.W.M.P.	Mrs. R. M.	240.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. B.	180.00
13	Duck Lake	Bro. J. S.	240.00
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36	Bruce	Mrs. J. L. P.	120.00
48	Grayson	Mrs. G. B.	240.00
49	Assiniboia	Mrs. E. A. M.	240.00
53	Nanatah	Bro. J. K. I.	360.00
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80	Connaught	Mrs. L. J. S.	300.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. S. E. G.	300.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. G. J. L.	120.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. P. H.	180.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. J. V. A.	300.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. F. M. J.	120.00
95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
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114	Central Butte	Mrs. H. W. J.	270.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. H. P.	108.00
123	Lancer	Bro. W. C. M.	108.00
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138	Kincaid	Mrs. R. T. M.	180.00
141	Progressive	Mrs. B. G. F.	240.00
143	Hawarden	Mrs. A. E. B.	180.00
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144	Victory	Bro. H. G. H.	240.00
147	Elstow	Bro. J. M.	144.00
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151	Viscount	Bro. A. S. M.	120.00
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184	Osage	Bro. O. M. L.	420.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	180.00

Motion — Pursuant to Notice

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Motions it was moved by W. Bro. W. J. Young (92), and R.W. Bro. A. W. Gunn (68):

"That at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan I shall move or cause to be moved: That the Grand Lodge be memorialized by establishing homes in the Province for Aged Masons and their dependents."

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

It was moved by R.W. Bros. G. H. Hummel (133), and N. S. Smith (158):

"That the amendments (8) and (9) proposed in 1945 and 1946 and tabled be now brought forward for consideration pursuant to notice."

On the motion being put it was declared carried.

It was moved by R.W. Bros. G. H. Hummel (133) and N. S. Smith (158):

"That the first three lines of Section 36B and all of 37B of the Amendment as set out in the Notice of Motion numbered (8) of the Motion presented at the 1945 Session of Grand Lodge as recorded on page 106 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings be deleted and the following substituted therefor: or alternatively that the whole motion as set out on pages 105 et seq. of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1945 and entitled 'Mode of electing and appointing the Officers of Grand Lodge as amended hereby' will be moved or caused to be moved.

36 (B)

"Nominations for any elective office other than that of Grand Master shall be made in the form following and be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than six o'clock p.m. of the 12th day preceding the opening of Grand Lodge.

37 (B)

"Ballots will be handed to members entitled to such on registering their attendance.

37 (BB)

"At the opening of the afternoon session of the first day of Grand Lodge within the Grand Lodge and in charge of one or more of the scrutineers there shall be opened a poll to receive the votes. After the close of the said session the poll shall remain open at such place as the Grand Master may direct until one-half hour after the close of registration."

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

"That the Motion numbered (9) in the Notices of Motion presented at the 1945 Session of Grand Lodge as recorded on page 107 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings and entitled 'Installation and Investiture of Officers of Grand Lodge' will be moved or caused to be moved for the use of Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication."

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

Address

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master of Manitoba, briefly expressed thanks for the kind hospitality extended to him during his visit. He was impressed by the very harmonious Communication. He stressed the vital importance of the work of the Reference Committees making a very thorough job of investigation of those seeking admission to the Craft. At the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario it had been stated that only 25% of the membership are taking Masonry seriously. This presented a challenge to the Brethren who have taken obligations of faith, hope and charity, of brotherly love, relief and truth on the V.O.S.L. Masonry must be taken seriously by all, not only by 25%. By our philosophic conception of Freemasonry we can guard the liberty of Canada.

Report of the Sixth Annual Conference of Officers of the Four Western Grand Lodges

R.W. Bro. H. Mackay submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bros. H. Mackay and F. C. Wilson was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.:
Brethren:

I attended the Banff Conference in September, 1946, officially as your Deputy Grand Master and it is now my duty, privilege and pleasure to report on the proceedings there.

The Conference, I am told had the largest attendance of any held to date, there being a total of thirty-four there officially of whom twenty-four were members and ten distinguished guests. The complete list is as follows: seven representatives from British Columbia; five from Manitoba; seven from Alberta; three from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario; one from the Grand Lodge of Illinois; two from the Grand Lodge of Oregon; two from the Grand Lodge of Washington; one from North Dakota; five from Saskatchewan; one from the Grand Lodge of Montana. The President of the Conference was our own M.W. Bro. Hayes.

On Thursday evening, September 5th, there was a Special Peace Meeting held at Cascade Lodge in Banff. This of course was an open meeting to which all Master Masons with their Ladies were welcomed. There was a large attendance, and following the welcome by the President and the Hymn of Praise, "Unto the Hills Around Do I Lift Up My Longing Eyes" (a very appropriate hymn for this occasion), R.W. Bro. Farley of the Presbyterian Church at Banff gave a most inspiring address of "Remembrance and Thanksgiving". He closed his address with a stirring plea to all to consider the needs of rehabilitation of our returned men, stating, "I say that those who have so nobly served deserve the best that lies within our power to provide. If we can help these men, then we shall have been worthy of their efforts on our behalf. Please remember during this Conference that the Veterans call to each of us and while we too trust we have a good conscience, may God help us all to be on the job and do it in the sight of the Great Architect of the Universe, then we will build the Divine Temple in our land, in our day and in our time".

(It was with the sincerest regret that we learned of the passing of R.W. Bro. Farley, less than two months after the Banff Conference. On Tuesday, October 29th, he ascended to the Grand Lodge above, and we, his Masonic Brethren, join with his loved ones to mourn his loss.)

The address by R.W. Bro. Farley was followed by an address by R.W. Bro. George Ellis, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The subject of his address was "A Program for Peace in an Industrial Age." I quote but briefly from his address as follows:

"Freemasonry has a challenge, greater perhaps than any it has ever faced in all history. God grant that each member will strive to make his contribution toward world peace.

"The desire for peace arises in one's own heart. It is then developed down through his family relationships, his church, his lodge, city, state, nation, and then the world. There can be no peace in the world unless there is that real desire first in the hearts of individuals. There can be no right

action unless there is first right thinking. May we, as Freemasons, make our contribution toward the development of unselfish, constructive thought."

This Peace meeting closed with the singing of the hymn "Abide With Me" and the benediction pronounced by the M.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Conference proper opened on Friday, September 6th, at 9.10 a.m., presided over by the President. It will be impossible in the time allotted to me to make more than a brief reference to the various addresses and when I tell you that the report of the Conference covers a book of sixty-six pages of single spaced typewriting you will understand the limitations.

A complete list of the addresses at the Peace Memorial Meeting and the Conference is as follows:

"Peace Memorial Address", by R.W. Bro. Farley.

"Program for Peace in an Industrial Age", by R.W. Bro. George P. Ellis.

"Secretary's Address or Report", by M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis.

"Responsibilities and Opportunities of a Worshipful Master", M.W. Bro. Canon George H. Crane-Williams.

(This address was read by the Secretary in the absence of the Author).

Addenda to the address on the "Responsibilities and Opportunities of a Master", by M.W. Bro. George Moore.

"Responsibilities and Opportunities of a Lodge Secretary", R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, our own Grand Secretary.

"How to Maintain and Develop the Interest of the Newly Raised Brother", R. W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.

"The Ideal Lodge", R.W. Bro. George H. Ellis.

Debate on "Resolved that in the Postwar World Freemasonry Must Re-adjust Her Outlook."

Affirmative read by M.W. Bro. A. Bond, and the negative by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

"The Business Management of a Lodge", M.W. Bro. K. K. Reid.

"Freemasonry and Citizenship", R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald.

"How to Promote Lodge Attendance", R.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming.

"The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership", R.W. Bro. H. Mackay. In addition there was considerable discussion of the various papers and addresses which was of much value to the Conference. I wish to quote a few paragraphs which appear to me to be some of the highlights. From the "Secretary's Address or Report", the following:

"Over the years, we, who have had this Conference close to our Masonic hearts, have looked forward to the day when we could participate in an All Canadian Conference, and your Secretary can only hope that before this Conference closes, some definite steps may be taken to make this desire an accomplished fact in the not too far distant future.

"In line with this idea, it is with real pleasure that I can advise that M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, has been successful in arranging a meeting in the early part of October of the officers of the three Masonic Jurisdictions in the Maritimes, along with the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, A.F. & A.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England. May outstanding success attend his efforts as he too is vitally interested in a Canadian wide meeting of the leaders of Freemasonry".

From the address by M.W. Bro. Canon George H. Crane-Williams:

"Someone once said Napoleon was not himself a great man, and that his success lay in his ability to surround himself by great men, to delegate authority and to be content to direct.

"This will appeal to all who have wider authority as the easiest way to rule, but one must know how, and in this as in all else, knowledge is power, and again I iterate the absolute necessity for every Master to know the duties and the work of every office or he can never correctly assume the responsibility of his high office.

"From this elevation above his fellow, actual, physically and symbolically potential, he can observe and appraise the labours and the life of every Brother, and from the evidence thus adduced should create opportunities of dealing with whatever is praiseworthy no less than what is amiss. One may gauge the standard of a Brother from his demeanour in the Lodge, his hallowed surroundings, for we must never forget a duly constituted Lodge is also a Consecrated Assembly opened in the name of the Most High God. With that in mind the true Master never ceases to impress that thought upon himself and his Lodge and find opportunities of shouldering every responsibility that peace, harmony and brotherly love may prevail and relief afforded to the necessities of all, material, moral and spiritual."

From the address of M. W. Bro. George Moore:

"Some Masters appear to be in absolute ignorance of what the Secretary has to do. They have no knowledge of what the books contain and quite often you find a Secretary conducting business which only the Master should perform. When reports are sent in the Master should familiarize himself with the details and see that they are in accordance with the rules and regulations.

"He should watch with a kindly eye. He should be firm in his administration of his Lodge, but also just. He should exercise his own initiative. He should carry out plans while listening, particularly to advice from Past Masters. That is where I think I am going to leave his responsibilities."

From the address of our own Grand Secretary:

"The routine duties of a Secretary are referred to in the Constitution, in the Lodge By-laws, and in the Installation Ceremony. A Secretary who confines himself to the carrying out of these listed routine duties will be a very ordinary type of Secretary.

"A Lodge with an efficient, alert, interested Secretary has a great advantage over a Lodge whose Secretary falls below a reasonable standard with respect to these qualifications. Some Secretaries cannot be stirred out of their drowsiness while others are constantly alert and looking for new ideas as to how they can better serve their Lodge.

"A Lodge is fortunate when it can place a member in the position of Secretary who is capable of keeping good records, is a good correspondent, and willing to devote time and energy to helping the other officers in making the Lodge a live, active unit in the Masonic family. The office should be respected by the membership and not be considered a clearing house for all complaints. An occasional compliment will be appreciated and make him feel that his efforts are worthwhile. After a Brother is elected to the Office of Secretary he finds that writing minutes, sending out the notices of meetings and receiving dues constitutes a very small part of the many and varied duties he is called upon to perform."

From the address by R.W. Bro. Donnelly:

"One method we have begun to use in my own Lodge has, I believe, some promise. At intervals, perhaps twice a year, we arrange a meeting of the members which the more recently Raised Brethren are asked to attend. At this meeting, which is quite informal, a well-skilled Brother opens discussion on some phase of Freemasonry. Such topics as "Symbolism", "The Teaching of One of the Degrees", "The Background and Growth of Freemasonry", "The Relation of the Freemason to his Community", "The Constitution of Grand Lodge", are dealt with. Older members help to make the discussion general,

and the newer members feel free to ask questions or make comments. At such a gathering the discussion may wander away from the original direction, but every question provides an opportunity of giving enlightenment in the purpose of the Craft. In one Lodge that I know of, the Study Club is planning to present a series of addresses directed towards the instruction of the newly raised member.

"Finally, no newly raised Brother will long retain his interest unless he finds a strong interest among the other members of the Lodge. If some of the officers carry out their duties perfunctorily, if there be anything of jealousy or ill will in the Lodge, if the meetings are carelessly planned and poorly attended, we cannot expect this new Brother to become enthusiastic. Or what must a candidate feel when, on being admitted, he finds that one or both of the Brethren who sponsored him, rarely or never attend Lodge. We who have had the privilege of Lodge fellowship throughout the years must create the atmosphere that will draw him into that fellowship. We must, on our part, be so filled with enthusiasm for Freemasonry that it will be contagious, and develop a like enthusiasm in the newly raised Brother."

From the address on "The Ideal Lodge", by R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Ellis:

"A definition of an ideal Lodge could be given in a very few words, and the simplest one which comes to my mind is 'An ideal Lodge is one in which the principles of Freemasonry are being taught and practiced by all its members'. The fact that it occurred to someone that a paper should be given on the subject, seems to indicate that, generally speaking, Freemasons' Lodges are not always ideal, and that some standard should be set, to which Lodges must hope to attain. Such a task is one which should be undertaken by one with experience in Freemasonry much greater than I have had. However, I have observed a number of matters during my membership in our Order, which have been for the good or detriment of Freemasonry, and from my thoughts regarding them I have developed whatever this paper may contain'.

"The physical or material side of a Lodge may not seem to be very important, but there are such things as place of meeting, finances and size of membership which require consideration. We all admit that an ideal family must have an ideal home. Conditions in a hovel are such as to detract from moral and spiritual uplift, and life in a palace is likely to lend itself to selfishness and a lack of the characteristics of humility and benevolence. Accordingly, the ideal Lodge should have for their communications a home, not too magnificent, but large enough with proper furnishings for the size of the family, one which will foster sociability and friendship, and give it the opportunity to do the work it is called on to perform.

"The financial state of a Lodge should be maintained in a position comparative with the size of the membership. Often we find a Lodge so burdened with debt for their home, that the benevolent and other work of the Lodge suffers, causing a loss of interest and then a loss of membership, with a resultant financial condition worse than before. The wearying discussion of financial matters at the communications of a Lodge may be necessary on isolated occasions, but the ideal Lodge will have little of it. There are two ways which the ideal Lodge will keep away from financial strife, one, keep out of debt, and the other, divorce financial matters from Lodge communications.

"The size of membership can affect the ideal Lodge. We are told that there is strength in numbers. There is where all are united in a common effort. Freemasonry, composed of ideal Freemasons, requires numbers. I say this of Freemasonry as a whole, but the work of the individual Lodge is not of the type that requires large numbers, for it can be done by a score as well as by a thousand. The experience of members of large Lodges is that there is a lack of sociability and a lack of opportunity, which results in a lack of interest."

From the debate "Resolved that in the Postwar World Freemasonry must Re-adjust Her Outlook," by M.W. Bro. Bond.

"To be candid, Mr. President and Brethren, in my humble and sincere opinion, the present set-up of Lodge Freemasonry, as the central part of our Fraternal Institution, will not be complete until it includes as a component part of the whole, an advanced plan for higher Masonic Learning as a **part of the Novitiates Masonic Foundation**. Through this, Freemasonry will graduate its members properly prepared to practice the Fraternity's philosophy of Life both within the Mystic Circle and the realm of the Brotherhood of Man, which being founded on the Fatherhood of God, is the ultimate objective of true Freemasonry."

From the negative, by M.W. Bro. Pilkey:

"I am advocating to you we should change our attitude. It must mean something to you and me. If we have not got the will and the energy to meet our responsibility, we might as well tell the world Freemasonry is out of business. I think this whole thing is not a system in the ultimate analysis. It is an individual thing. It is the relationship of one individual to another. Freemasonry is meant to be helpful. The only way to be helpful is to understand the man. What is it that brings men into our Lodges? How can they get a favourable opinion of the Institution unless it is from some man? He sees a man who has something. Once he sees something that indelibly impresses him he says, 'I want that thing—how do I get it! If he comes in and does not get it he is disappointed, and will turn away. I take my position in the negative. If we are going to meet the challenge of opportunity and responsibility in these days we have got to change our attitude. First of all we have got to know, and knowing we have to apply, and if we could get half the membership in our Lodges to live Freemasonry, most of our problems would be solved."

From the address on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership."

"Might I conclude by saying that the duties and privileges of membership are co-relative, are complementary of each other and are really inter-dependent. Let the Mason fulfill his membership duties of Lodge attendance; of Lodge and ritual studies; of Lodge and business discussion; of accepting office; of doing his bit in the fellowship hour in accordance with his talents; of showing a truly earnest interest in all things pertaining to Lodge affairs; of fulfilling the obligations and requirements set out in the By-laws, Constitution, Charges and Landmarks, and he will find himself blessed with all the privileges of Lodge membership which will include the blessedness of fellowship, of Lodge training, of knowledge of its symbolism, of character building and he will appreciate to the full the privilege of having been admitted into Lodge membership with the Brother Masons to find with all the others 'Its fellowship, its brotherhood and its idealism.'

"In brief, the Mason who in the truest and fullest sense assumes and fulfills the duties of membership will find himself blessed with its many privileges and he will have no difficulty in enumerating them."

On the final day of the Conference there was a general discussion and amongst important points that were raised was "What benefit the Conference Could be to the Craft as a Whole". It was felt that the report of the Deputy Grand Master, or whatever Official might be requested to make the report, could only touch the fringes of the vital parts. The actual cost of the Secretarial duties, printing, or mimeographing and all of such costs in the past have been borne by the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta. It was felt that to be of the most value the addresses should be printed separately and made available for each Lodge. There were no funds available, however, for this purpose but the Grand Lodge Officers of Alberta did undertake to see what the approximate cost of this would be and to see what could be done about it.

I have recently been advised that those present from the Grand Lodge of Oregon were so impressed with the value of the Conference and with the value of the papers submitted to it that it made a substantial donation to the Grand Lodge of Alberta towards the expenses. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, after due consideration, used this money to defray the expense of publishing a limited number of the reports and I believe about one hundred copies were made available for our own Grand Jurisdiction.

It is the humble opinion of your Deputy Grand Master that the report of the proceedings of the 1946 Conference contains sufficient material to keep the Research Committee of every Lodge busy for a long time. I would like to recommend that the Finance Committee take under advisement the possibility of providing a copy of this and all subsequent Conference Reports for each Lodge.

The Conference can be of great value to Western and Canadian Freemasonry, and most particularly to Officers advancing toward the summit of Masonry in their respective Jurisdictions. Let me quote from M.W. Bro. Bond, just at the conclusion:

"I agree this is a fine note on which to finish. It is something that has been in my mind. At this Conference we have thirty men taking part in this meeting for three days. We have approximately 201,000 Masons in Canada. These wonderful messages will not go out to them outside of a few who will get copies of the minutes. Are these messages going to get to the ordinary Mason?

"Is there not some method of spreading this information so that Canadian Masons will get the benefit. That thought comes from the Grand Secretary. What good will it do here? We should have a Ways and Means Committee of this Conference to bring a motion for the distribution of these papers for the General Membership. I would move 'Ways and Means' be found by the incoming Executive so that the essence of this Conference may be distributed to the General Membership." Seconded by M.W. Bro. K. K. Reid.

It was agreed that the time and place of the meeting of the next Conference should be left to the incoming Executive.

The following were elected as Officers for the ensuing year:

President—M.W. Bro. K. K. Reid, British Columbia.

Vice-President—R.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Alberta.

Secretary—M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, Alberta.

The gathering was then adjourned to meet at the call of the incoming Executive.

Respectfully submitted,

HECTOR MACKAY,

Deputy Grand Master.

Appreciation of Services

On motion of M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter and R.W. Bro. G. H. Hummel, it was unanimously resolved that Grand Lodge express its appreciation to R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner for the faithful and efficient services rendered by him as Grand Treasurer.

The hour having arrived for adjournment the Grand Master called the Craft from labour to refreshment.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.00 p.m., M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Honourary Membership Conferred

On Motion of M.W. Bros. Douglas Fraser and M. Musk, it was unanimously resolved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Constitution, "In recognition of eminence, ability and service rendered," there be conferred on the following Brethren the rank and distinction, namely: M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and on R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Honourary Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Next Place of Meeting

The M.W. the Grand Master declared that the Forty-second Annual Communication would be held in the City of Saskatoon.

Vote of Thanks

On motion of M.W. Bros. A. O. Brooks and S. J. A. Branion, it was resolved that Grand Lodge express its appreciation to W. Bro. Sgt. J. Robinson and Bro. S/Sgt. D. J. McCombe for having so splendidly exemplified the ceremonies of the presentation of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes, and that the best thanks of Grand Lodge be also extended to the Regina City Lodges and to the Hotel Saskatchewan management and staff, for the many kindnesses and unfailing courtesies extended throughout the meetings of Grand Lodge.

Installation of Officers

All business to come before Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter to act as Installing Officer. The newly-elected Grand Master and Grand Officers were duly installed by M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, with V.W. Bro. W. A. MacNeill discharging the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The following Brethren, selected by their respective Districts, were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master as District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, obligated and invested:

W. Bro. H. V. Goldfinch, No. 1	W. Bro. W. J. Toppings, No. 9
V.W. Bro. A. P. MacLean, No. 2	V.W. Bro. John Foster, No. 10
V.W. Bro. H. A. Cathro, No. 3	W. Bro. John Stewart, No. 11
W. Bro. Thomas Hesketh, No. 4	W. Bro. Donald McAlister, No. 12
W. Bro. C. A. Moir, No. 5	V.W. Bro. D. M. McIntosh, No. 13
W. Bro. R. F. Swinton, No. 6	W. Bro. Harold Thompson, No. 14
W. Bro. F. L. Stephens, No. 7	W. Bro. J. M. Hanbidge, No. 15
W. Bro. W. E. Fern, No. 8	W. Bro. W. A. Richardson, No. 16
W. Bro. R. L. Maxfield, No. 17	

The following Brethren were also appointed to office for the ensuing year by the M.W. the Grand Master, and were duly invested:

R.W. Bro. Bishop E. H. Knowles (11)	Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. H. Sutherland (158)	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. J. A. Stueck (77)	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. E. J. Maddex (62)	Grand D. of C.
W. Bro. H. N. Clements (48)	Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. S. W. Foster (92)	Grand Organist
W. Bro. R. Thoms (179)	Grand Pursuivant

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W. Bro. L. S. Lepine (166)	W. Bro. F. Freeman (118)
W. Bro. R. A. Johnston (198)	W. Bro. B. S. Woods (155)
W. Bro. G. P. Barton (93)	W. Bro. E. A. Hudson (143)
W. Bro. J. M. Ballentine (189)	W. Bro. A. Wilton (172)

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the elected and appointed officers duly installed and invested for the ensuing twelve months.

Presentation to Retiring Grand Master

M.W. Bro. R. Young, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, with a suitably engraved Past Grand Master's Jewel and a set of Past Grand Master's Gauntlets, as a token of appreciation for the leadership given Saskatchewan Freemasonry by him during his year in office.

Thanks

M.W. Bro. Clink thanked M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter for the efficient and dignified manner in which he had conducted the Installation and Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers.

Grand Lodge Closes

The business of Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Forty-first Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 3.50 p.m.

Robert A. Tate

Grand Secretary.



In Memory
of
The Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand
Lodges



In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Henry Turner

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 10, 1928

Died February 14th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Thomas Stedman Dundass

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 7, 1942

Died August 11th, 1946

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Eustace Morton Vesey

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 15, 1921-22

Died January 19th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

George Grant

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 15, 1929

Died July 28th, 1946

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

William Connell

GRAND STEWARD, 1927

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 1, 1932

Died August 4th, 1946

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Frederick William Hart

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 4, 1928

Died May 21st, 1947

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Ira A. Lawrence

GRAND STEWARD, 1933

Died May 25th, 1946

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Arthur William Robinson

GRAND PURSUIVANT, 1931

Died January 2nd, 1947

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Lloyd Gesner Moffatt

GRAND STEWARD, 1924

Died January 20th, 1947

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

James Alpin Smith

GRAND STEWARD, 1906

GRAND SENIOR DEACON 1908

Died May 24th, 1947

In Memory of

No.	Lodge	Name
2.	Wascana.....	Donald S. McCannel
3.	Moose Jaw.....	William Boyle, Edward Evans, H. J. Wheeler, Albert Lea, Thomas Whitehead, Robert Brown
4.	Qu'Appelle Valley.....	Thomas W. Hamilton, Arthur C. Hanson
5.	Indian Head.....	Thomas M. Howatt, John Law, F. W. Hart
6.	Qu'Appelle.....	B. C. Henley
7.	Moosomin.....	J. A. Hudson, Edwin Ott
9.	Maple Leaf.....	Frank Harper, William McLean
10.	Evening Star.....	James Irving
11.	N.W.M.P.....	W. G. Edgerton
12.	Yorkton.....	Henry Turner
14.	Sintaluta.....	Ernest J. Hall
18.	Melfort.....	W. L. Connor, Henry C. Pope
21.	Arcola.....	Ernest W. F. Harris
25.	Estevan.....	Adam F. Milne, Louis Hanson, John McMillan James A. Smith
26.	Swift Current.....	George G. Smith
31.	Ionic.....	I. A. Lawrence, Stephen W. Tanner
33.	Davidson.....	William Dolan, Ulyses G. Cummins
35.	Prince Rupert.....	Arthur W. Robinson, George E. Pirie
36.	Bruce.....	William Anderson
38.	Ekapo.....	William H. Gale, Thomas A. Quayle
39.	Boscurvis.....	John W. Armstrong
40.	Rouleau.....	Cecil B. McNeil
42.	Caron.....	Charles W. Elsom
43.	Ishpaming.....	William F. Rhymes, Nicholi C. Granstrom
44.	Landmark.....	Thomas S. Dundass, James MacDonald
45.	Aurora.....	Frank Reese
46.	Strasbourg.....	William J. Wallen, Edwin Wood
49.	Assiniboia.....	Arthur E. Fisher, Laurie T. Coates
55.	Craik.....	William J. Pound, Ernest H. Insull
57.	Prairie.....	C. O. Emanuelson, H. B. Glover, R. H. Gammon O. E. Rublee
58.	King Solomon.....	A. L. Henderson, H. J. Wise, Arthur Friday, Edward A. Wynes
59.	Canora.....	Matthew Hampshire, Matthew Medlyn, E. M. Vesey, Edward Bates
60.	Imperial.....	Albert H. Hanson, Robert C. Fergus, Leonard G. Pepper
61.	Rocanville.....	James W. Rice

In Memory of

No.	Lodge	Name
63.	Prince Albert.....	Frank G. Hindle, Thomas W. McEwen
65.	Outlook.....	Neil L. Young
66.	Wynyard.....	Alton H. Whitman
67.	Eye-brow.....	Charles H. Birch
68.	Govan.....	Samuel J. Latta
69.	Carrot River.....	Charles I. Dunlop, Percy G. Johnston, Archibald Craig
71.	Doric.....	John T. Newton
72.	Corinthian.....	James G. K. Lindsay, William M. Shanks
74.	Kilwinning.....	Norman C. Stewart
75.	Harmony.....	Lloyd G. Moffatt
77.	Abernethy.....	Walter W. King
82.	Victoria.....	Thos. R. Whitley
87.	Wadena.....	George B. Harris, Robert W. Bailey
91.	Rosetown.....	D. W. Colwell, A. E. Prowse, Henry Wickett, Joseph H. Macey
92.	Lodge Progress.....	William Hawkins, Hugh McMillan, William Graham, A. S. Camp, Robert M. Semple
93.	Morse.....	Thomas A. Walsh, Samuel E. Lawrie
94.	Maryfield.....	William J. Hollaway
95.	Evergreen.....	James F. Sexsmith
98.	Union.....	George Copeland
100.	Biggar.....	Telford O. Stewart
101.	Acacia.....	Robert Atkinson, Alexander Austin
103.	Composite.....	Arthur E. Blount
104.	King Hiram.....	A. G. Deguerre, R. R. Roger, M. W. Lovelace, G. N. Griffin
105.	Gothic.....	Daniel Sheidt, Edgar M. Brundage
106.	St. John's.....	John Gemmell
109.	Limerick.....	Charles M. Wilson
110.	Shaunavon.....	Thomas Stevenson
111.	Aneroid.....	Thomas Knaggs
113.	Broderick.....	David Stewart
114.	Central Butte.....	Alexander M. Scrimgeour
121.	Simpson.....	Roy A. Ulyott, Matias Frihagen
124.	Mount Hermon.....	G. I. Valentine, John Anstead, F. S. Armour, Herman Haw
125.	Latomia.....	W. J. Jolly, E. A. Pitch
127.	Birch Hills.....	H. G. Edgington, W. W. VanMeer

In Memory of

No.	Lodge	Name
129.	Mossbank.....	A. R. Herron
130.	Togo.....	A. B. Mann
131.	Dinston.....	W. A. Goodwin
132.	Conquest.....	Arthur Balkwill
134.	Eston.....	W. G. Graham
135.	Elrose.....	D. M. Fraser, Benjamin Northcott
136.	St. George.....	C. N. S. Hammond, R. E. Chapman, A. Halkett, C. F. Deno, E. C. Woods, Frank Deno
137.	Edam.....	A. E. Thompson
138.	Kincaid.....	Josiah Martin, M. M. Murray, A. C. Tompkins
139.	Riverhurst.....	Baker Pomeroy
143.	Hawarden.....	J. A. Wills, William Jones, George Charters
144.	Victory.....	J. G. McKelvie, C. W. Langdon, R. C. Walsh, George Gall, J. V. Hall
147.	Elstow.....	E. E. England
149.	Loverna.....	N. N. Miles, F. A. Peacock
154.	Banner.....	G. S. Parker, J. C. Cook, Frank Everett, D. M. Thompson, W. C. Trick, Mindy Christianson
158.	Borden.....	G. A. McArthur
160.	Cut Knife.....	N. A. R. Link
163.	Fillmore.....	W. M. Tapp
165.	St. Luke's.....	Henry A. Barnes
168.	Earl Grey.....	A. M. McDougall
169.	Quill Lake.....	George Grant
170.	Sharon.....	Joseph Thorson
174.	St. Andrews.....	W. C. Johnstone, William Percy
175.	Radville.....	M. L. M. Skelton, O. H. Bertrand
176.	Gray.....	A. E. Staton
182.	Lonach.....	W. J. McKeen
183.	Nipawin.....	William Connell
185.	Loyalty.....	W. S. Geddie
186.	Emulation.....	Clifford Blake, W. L. Wallace
190.	Turtleford.....	J. A. Ross
191.	Macrorie.....	John Smith
193.	Mazenod.....	J. A. Donnelly
197.	Chaplin.....	A. S. McKibbin

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

Elected at its foundation, August, 1906, and annually since.

Year	G.M.	D.G.M.	G.S.W.	G.J.W.	G. Treas.	G. Sec'y.	Gr. Regist.
1906	*H. H. Campkin.	*C. O. Davidson.	*H. Jagger.	W. B. Tate.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*A. H. Shaw.
1907	*H. H. Campkin.	*C. O. Davidson.	*H. Jagger.	W. B. Tate.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*A. H. Shaw.
1908	*C. O. Davidson.	*H. Jagger.	*H. Jagger.	*J. McGur.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*H. C. Lisle
1909	*H. Jagger.	W. B. Tate.	*Wm. Hopkins.	*J. McGur.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*A. C. Patterson
1910	W. B. Tate.	*Wm. Hopkins.	*A. S. Gorrell.	*W. B. Willoughby.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. S. Proctor.
1911	*Wm. Hopkins.	*A. S. Gorrell.	*W. B. Willoughby.	*L. T. McDonald.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*D. P. Kennedy
1912	*A. S. Gorrell.	*W. B. Willoughby.	*L. T. McDonald.	*W. M. Thomson.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1913	*W. B. Willoughby.	*L. T. McDonald.	*W. M. Thomson.	*J. H. Anderson.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1914	*L. T. McDonald.	*W. M. Thomson.	*J. H. Anderson.	*R. Young.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1915	*W. M. Thomson.	*J. H. Anderson.	*R. Young.	*C. Stewart.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1916	*J. H. Anderson.	*R. Young.	*N. B. Williams.	*E. L. Elwood.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1917	*R. Young.	*N. B. Williams.	*E. L. Elwood.	*G. M. Weir.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1918	*N. B. Williams.	*E. L. Elwood.	*G. M. Weir.	*E. McFee.	*A. Sheppard.	*J. M. Shaw.	*F. B. Reilly
1919	*E. L. Elwood.	*G. M. Weir.	*E. McFee.	*J. W. MacNeill.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1920	*G. M. Weir.	*E. McFee.	*J. W. MacNeill.	*D. A. Kingsbury.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1921	*E. McFee.	*J. W. MacNeill.	*D. A. Kingsbury.	*G. Swain.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1922	*J. W. MacNeill.	*D. A. Kingsbury.	*G. Swain.	*W. J. Smith.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1923	*D. A. Kingsbury.	*G. Swain.	*W. J. Smith.	*J. K. Irwin.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1924	*G. Swain.	*W. J. Smith.	*J. K. Irwin.	*O. Clarke.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1925	*W. J. Smith.	*J. K. Irwin.	*O. Clarke.	*J. McGur.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1926	*J. K. Irwin.	*O. Clarke.	*J. McGur.	*N. R. Craig.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1927	*O. Clarke.	*J. McGur.	*N. R. Craig.	*M. A. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1928	*J. McGur.	*N. R. Craig.	*M. A. Mackay.	*T. W. Sutherland.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1929	*N. R. Craig.	*M. A. Mackay.	*T. W. Sutherland.	*J. R. Yorke.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1930	*M. A. Mackay.	*T. W. Sutherland.	*J. R. Yorke.	*M. Musk.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1931	*T. W. Sutherland.	*J. R. Yorke.	*M. Musk.	*S. C. Burton.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1932	*J. R. Yorke.	*M. Musk.	*S. C. Burton.	*H. M. Underhill.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1933	*M. Musk.	*S. C. Burton.	*H. M. Underhill.	*A. O. Brooks.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1934	*S. C. Burton.	*H. M. Underhill.	*A. O. Brooks.	*T. C. Fraser.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1935	*H. M. Underhill.	*A. O. Brooks.	*T. C. Fraser.	*S. J. A. Branion.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1936	*A. O. Brooks.	*T. C. Fraser.	*S. J. A. Branion.	*F. C. Carter.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1937	*T. C. Fraser.	*S. J. A. Branion.	*F. C. Carter.	*W. L. Clink.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1938	*S. J. A. Branion.	*F. C. Carter.	*W. L. Clink.	*F. C. Wilson.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1939	*F. C. Carter.	*W. L. Clink.	*F. C. Wilson.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1940	*W. L. Clink.	*F. C. Wilson.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1941	*F. C. Wilson.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1942	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1943	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1944	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1945	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1946	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney
1947	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. H. Mackay.	*F. B. Reilly.	*J. M. Shaw.	*J. A. Mooney

† Left the Jurisdiction.

* Deceased.

STATISTICAL TABLE—

	No. of Lodge	Per Capita Membership, March, 1945	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Deaths	Com. L. Mbrs.	Per Capita Membership, March, 1946	Com. L. Mbrs.	Total Membership	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance
Kinistino.....	1	136	11	1	1	2			1	146	33	179	10	15	40
Wascana.....	2	197	15	2	2	2	3	1	3	207	46	253	10	12	31
Moose Jaw.....	3	312	18	2	1	4		6	19	304	33	337	10	19	40
Qu'Appelle Valley.....	4	49	3	1				2		49	14	63	12	1	39
Indian Head.....	5	114	8	3		4		2		119	1	120	10	11	39
Qu'Appelle.....	6	39	2	1	1			1		42	9	51	11	3	50
Moosomin.....	7	70	9	1	1			1	2	78	18	96	12	4	17
Ashlar.....	8	48	3			2		1		48	3	51	11	4	16
Maple Leaf.....	9	74	11					2		83		83	11	11	27
Evening Star.....	10	52	8	2	1			2	2	61	9	70	11	6	16
N.W.M.P.....	11	258	19	6	1	6		1	1	276	51	327	10	15	48
Yorkton.....	12	114	13	2	3	5		1	4	122	12	134	10	4	32
Duck Lake.....	13	22			1					23	2	25	7		7.5
Sintaluta.....	14	52		1		1		1		51		51	10		33
Amity.....	15	30	4	1						35	28	63	11	7	16
Saskatchewan.....	16	318	16	9	3	8	5		2	331	51	382	10	30	49.5
Carlyle.....	17	47	5		1					53	6	59	10	3	20
Melfort.....	18	115	13	6	1	6		1	1	127	15	142	12	9	22
Battle.....	19	64	1	2	2	2		1		66	20	86	10	3	25
Weyburn.....	20	118	6	3	1	2		1	1	125	2	127	10	4	42.1
Arcola.....	21	52	6					1		57	4	61			
Rosthern.....	22	34	3		1					38	2	40	11		11
Britannia.....	23	59	13	1		3				70	6	76	10	7	20
Wolseley.....	24	39	2			1			1	39	2	41	9	1	66
Estevan.....	25	76	14	4	1	2		2		91	32	123	10	4	27
Swift Current.....	26	139	18	3	2	7	1	1		153	16	169	10	21	42
Alameda.....	27	26	8	1		1				34	2	36	13	3	16
Hanley.....	28	52	2	1		2				53	4	57	8		16.5
Heward.....	29	20				1				19	6	25	6		9
New Hope.....	30	41	3							44	5	49	10	2	10
Ionic.....	31	117	14		1	5			4	123	43	166	10	10	37
Golden Rule.....	32	43	6		2	1	1		1	48	4	52	11	3	19
Davidson.....	33	82	6	1		2	3	2	1	81	7	88	10	1	23
Lang.....	34	53	3		1	1				56		56	12	3	18
Prince Rupert.....	35	56	6	2	2	2	4	2	1	57	29	86	10	8	47.5
Bruce.....	36	49	1			1		1		48	2	50	10	3	13
Wapella.....	37	45	1	2	1	2				47	2	49	8	1	12
Ekapo.....	38	46	12	1				2		57	7	64	13	7	18
Boscawen.....	39	45	3					1		47	3	50	11	1	17
Rouleau.....	40	70	4	2		2	1		1	72	25	97	10		23
Drinkwater.....	41	66	8	1	1			1		75	7	82	12	5	26
Caron.....	42	75	2		2	2	3	1	2	71	8	79	10	1	21
Ishpaming.....	43	30			1			2	1	26	5	31	12	1	12
Landmark.....	44	81	1	2	1	6	1	2		76	6	82	12	1	25
Aurora.....	45	36	1			1				36	1	37	11	4	14.3
Strasbourg.....	46	33	5							38	8	46	12	4	15
Cupar.....	47	32	5			2				35	1	36	11	4	50
Grayson.....	48	32	3				6		1	28	9	37	12	1	9
Assiniboia.....	49	240	20	4		4	1	2	3	254	22	276	10	17	51
Golden Fleece.....	50	51	3		1	1	3		2	49	4	53	11	1	25

—CONSTITUENT LODGES

Amount Paid for Local Relief	Mbrs. 12 months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Insurance in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
67.30	20	212.00	2,792.52	7,054.52	68.00	2,000.00	1	No
71.50	33	284.86	1,451.91	15,394.27	3,833.80	357.00	1	Pt.
	22	106.75	2,450.17	78,269.91	503.64	500.00	1	Yes
		75.00	556.15	7,321.15		2,500.00	1	Yes
30.00		77.00	277.74	1,157.29		500.00	1	No
30.00	6	66.00	367.02	4,645.02	16.00	2,500.00	2	Yes
	6	54.00	275.54	999.48	180.66	1,000.00	1	No
	5	49.00	157.96	3,706.96		2,500.00	1	Yes
	3	30.00	343.03	2,899.03	20.00	1,000.00	1	No
42.00	11	149.99	132.52	1,212.66	40.00	500.00	1	No
84.00	26	280.00	791.88	12,375.24	589.20	250.00	1	Pt.
120.00	11	113.00	1,150.35	5,064.35	44.00	200.00	2	No
40.00	7	76.00	119.77	1,045.77	56.00	400.00		No
	22	458.00	300.00	2,158.00	18.00	2,700.00	2	Pt.
50.00			49.28	609.28	22.20	400.00		No
33.51	51	550.45	2,729.19	10,944.64	372.15	400.00	1	Pt.
	23	426.00	121.69	700.69	15.00	450.00		No
	10	100.00	843.71	5,551.21		2,325.00	1	Yes
46.00	4	40.00	405.78	1,438.78	117.42	500.00	1	No
15.36	14	124.00	294.07	8,694.07	24.00	10,750.00	1	Pt.
								No
	1	6.00	30.39	4,486.39	143.00	2,900.00	1	Yes
	12	97.98	933.99	5,181.97		2,750.00	1	Yes
	8	194.00	164.40	1,059.00	75.00	250.00	2	No
209.00	21	208.00	387.48	2,307.48	80.00	700.00	1	No
18.00	28	290.00	2,872.79	12,366.06	2,263.74	6,000.00	1	Yes
	1	6.00	467.30	583.30	16.00		1	No
	5	28.00	246.73	2,274.73	40.00	800.00	1	No
	2	20.00	20.59	1,075.59		800.00	1	Yes
	13	89.00	255.79	1,094.79	28.00	200.00	1	No
	12	144.00	2,734.16	10,613.88	390.54	500.00	1	No
	1	7.00	649.63	1,270.63	119.00	300.00	1	No
20.00	9	122.00	471.64	1,558.99	152.00	500.00	1	No
	12	93.00	119.31	1,826.06		250.00	1	Yes
	10	68.13	101.14	4,743.27	84.85	5,000.00	1	Yes
36.00	4	27.00	414.77	1,340.13	57.00	300.00		No
	2	24.00	49.00	3,749.00	1,484.00	3,000.00	2	Yes
	4	24.00	171.00	3,395.00	30.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	9	105.25	400.25	1,603.50	106.00	600.00	1	No
	20	220.00	652.62	5,514.92	10.00	2,900.00	1	Yes
	23	244.50	624.33	2,268.83	57.00	1,400.00	1	Yes
	6	30.00	118.25	2,878.25		1,503.00	1	Yes
	5	64.50	85.70	1,000.20	319.00	1,000.00	1	Yes
250.00	5	45.00	337.51	4,522.51		3,300.00	1	Yes
	7	250.00	60.04	400.04		400.00	1	No
	1	16.00	223.87	830.93	174.70	600.00		No
	4	50.00	248.91	3,813.91		2,550.00	1	Yes
			607.18	707.18	5.00	300.00	1	No
50.00	31	306.15	1,096.83	12,497.98	684.79	200.00	1	Pt.
	11	90.00	217.22	2,132.22	8.90	1,300.00	1	Yes

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Touchwood.....	51	33	2		3	1				37	7	40	8	1	14.7
Border.....	52	32	3							35		35			
Nanatah.....	53	70	7	2	1	2				78	7	85	12	7	48
Buchanan.....	54	23	2		1					26	7	33	7		8
Craik.....	55	56	7					2		61		61	11	5	27
Elbow View.....	56	22	8							30	2	32	5	3	8
Prairie.....	57	60	4			2		4		58	6	64	9	2	11
King Solomon.....	58	58	8	2		1		2	1	64	18	82	12	5	47
Canora.....	59	36	3			2	1	3	3	30	12	42	9	1	13
Imperial.....	60	183	14	2	2	4	1	2	1	193	35	228	10	29	26
Rocanville.....	61	31	1			4		1	2	25	10	35	9	2	14.6
Melville.....	62	132	7	1	3	4		2	2	137	19	156	10	8	24.4
Prince Albert.....	63	149	13			2		2	5	153	23	176	10	15	36
Manitou.....	64	62	4			2				64	10	74	10	1	16.2
Outlook.....	65	40		1	1	3		1		38	1	39	7		7
Wynyard.....	66	61	6			1			1	65	6	71	14	4	50
Eyebrow.....	67	29	2							31	10	41	10		10
Govan.....	68	47	8	1		1			3	52	18	70	10	4	17.3
Carrot River.....	69	80	5	2		3				80		80	12	2	26.5
Cypress.....	70	59	7	1						67	16	83	10	3	26
Doric.....	71	108	15	1		1		1	1	121	16	137	10	10	30
Corinthian.....	72	63	12			1		2		72	10	82	11	9	26
Unity.....	73	76	7			1	1			81	2	83	11	1	21
Kilwinning.....	74	33	2					1		34	5	39	10	1	13
Harmony.....	75	40	1		1	3		1		38	5	43	12	3	15
Tisdale.....	76	121	12	2		4				131	9	140	12	5	27
Abernethy.....	77	75	1			1		1		74	6	80	12	3	55
Tugaske.....	78	52	8						6	54	9	63	13	2	19
Foam Lake.....	79	42	6	1		1	1			47		47	12	2	55
Connaught.....	80	31	2						1	32	4	36	7		17
Tuscan.....	81	42	8			4				54		54	10	8	20
Victoria.....	82	68	4		3	6				69	8	77	10	3	17
Meridian.....	83	39	5			2				42	8	50	12	5	15
Lanigan.....	84	43	1		2	3				43	9	52	10	2	50
Zealandia.....	85	40		1		1	2			38	5	43	12	2	17
Kindersley.....	86	117	6	2		2				123	13	136	11	6	30
Wadena.....	87	47	6			7	2	2		42		42	12	5	50
Briercrest.....	88	32	3	2					1	36	6	42	12	3	14
Twin City.....	89	76	11	1		2	2		2	82	11	93	10	16	14.5
Kerrobert.....	90	98	10		1				1	108	10	118	12	4	31
Rosetown.....	91	101	6			3		1	3	100	22	122	12	6	24
Lodge Progress.....	92	305	20	4	3	5	1	5	1	320	6	326	10	34	54.8
Morse.....	93	39	3			2		1	1	38	7	45	12	4	20
Maryfield.....	94	37	11	1						49	2	51	7	2	15
Evergreen.....	95	45				2		1		42	4	46	10	2	12
Yellow Grass.....	96	55	2	1		1				57		57	11	1	22
Radisson.....	97	42	2		1		1		1	43	9	52	11	3	19
Union.....	98	47	1		4	4	4	1		43	5	48	12		13
Goose Lake.....	99	50	7	2						59	4	63	11	5	18
Biggar.....	100	121	8	1	1	2	1	1		127	6	133	11	8	28.7

Amount Paid for Local Relief	Mbrs. 12 months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Insurance in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
	4	30.00	638.05	1,158.05	20.00	450.00		No
	10	65.00	441.37	5,957.12	10.00	1,300.00	1	No
	6	116.00	29.03	1,614.03	10.00	1,000.00		Yes
	10	74.00	667.49	4,115.83	200.00	4,100.00	1	Yes
	4	50.00	247.40	1,147.40	20.00	400.00	1	No
		416.00	109.93	3,457.93	12.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
41.97	7	100.00	413.26	9,073.26	64.00	5,000.00	1	Yes
	4	25.00	359.26	3,485.11		1,500.00	1	Yes
195.00	39	477.00	827.48	7,148.76	294.63	300.00	1	Pt.
	3	40.00	199.00	1,029.50	88.00	1,500.00	1	No
72.00	6	60.00	777.06	8,563.56	1,535.00	5,000.00	1	Yes
76.05	30	302.00	964.06	5,305.73		2,000.00		No
8.00	16	149.29	443.90	3,491.19	84.06	750.00		No
	4	84.00	256.76	1,991.76	24.00		1	Yes
			497.21	5,547.21		1,000.00	1	No
50.00	11	154.00	200.08	3,286.28	118.00	500.00	1	No
	9	206.00	224.77	8,735.27	635.92	6,750.00	1	Yes
	28	612.00	688.93	5,962.96	205.00	3,000.00	1	Yes
10.00	21	406.50	238.67	6,921.67	400.00	2,800.00	1	Yes
5.00	24	280.50	228.21	2,147.23		400.00	1	No
	4	33.00	649.64	1,909.64	128.85	750.00	1	No
	8	102.00	344.53	884.53	87.15	250.00	1	No
72.00	6	62.00	134.00	1,396.00		750.00	1	No
	5	42.00	496.62	2,938.62	117.00	300.00	1	No
	14	128.00	388.81	5,636.81	168.00	3,425.00	1	Yes
		70.00	176.00	1,296.50	50.00	350.00	1	No
118.00			158.81	3,281.86	116.25	2,500.00	1	Yes
	2	40.00	397.89	1,958.10	86.28	200.00	1	No
	3	20.00	667.36	1,387.36		400.00	1	No
	8	144.20	796.61	1,591.81		500.00	2	No
25.00	11	95.00	324.87	3,998.08	45.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	8	137.00	394.62	2,443.62		1,500.00	1	Yes
201.00			438.76	1,333.76		500.00	1	No
	3	24.00	514.32	5,724.32	84.00	3,100.00	1	Yes
	20	280.00	985.85	8,359.82	128.00	4,500.00	1	Yes
25.00	8	106.00	133.03	984.03		1,000.00	1	No
	3	22.50	14.46	1,836.96	1,100.00	1,600.00		Yes
	6	95.00	1,600.39	4,270.39	134.91	2,250.00	1	Yes
	30	340.65	287.87	9,920.33	104.70	4,900.00	1	Yes
	25	248.00	552.00	5,900.00	2,342.00	3,400.00	1	Yes
665.00	46	437.60	2,936.02	14,391.07	408.06	2,800.00	1	Pt.
79.00	2	40.00	374.25	4,914.25	160.00	4,000.00	1	Yes
	8	72.00	453.41	738.41		300.00	1	No
17.50	14	186.45	158.47	5,525.00	1,650.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	13	148.00	749.31	2,165.31	56.00	1,100.00	1	Yes
10.00	7	61.50	107.14	1,488.64		250.00	1	No
	13	115.25	185.42	800.67	14.00	400.00	1	No
	6	35.00	135.00	470.00		200.00	1	No
50.00	9	102.00	886.36	5,294.36	198.47	6,300.00	1	Yes

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Acacia.....	101	55	7						1	61	4	65	9	3	22
Invermay.....	102	23					1			22	1	23	11	1	70
Composite.....	103	30	4			2		1		31	6	37	12		10.5
King Hiram.....	104	201	12	3	1	1	2	3	1	210	23	233	10	16	40
Gothic.....	105	50	2			1		2		49	2	51	12	2	13
St. John's.....	106	106	6	1	1	5	2	1	5	101	17	118	10	2	25
Mortlach.....	107	54	5						2	57	8	65	10	3	22
Long Lake.....	108	61	3							63	5	68	10	2	19
Limerick.....	109	67	4				4	1		66	1	67	11		53
Shaunavon.....	110	95	13	1		4	1	1	1	102	16	118	11	2	39.7
Aneroid.....	111	65	3		1	2			2	65	4	69	10	2	58
Woodrow.....	112	72	8	1				1		80	12	92	12	2	49.1
Broderick.....	113	36						1		35	1	36			
Central Butte.....	114	61				1		1	2	57	4	61	12	1	14
Landis.....	115	29	5	2		2				34		34	10	2	14
Ceylon.....	116	32	1		1					34		34	8		12
Dundurn.....	117	31	2							33	2	35	9	2	12
Paragon.....	118	39	2	1	1	3				40		40	7	5	9
Cabri.....	119	99	2	1		2				100	2	102	12		28
Ogema.....	120	35	4	1	1	1				40	4	44	11	3	11
Simpson.....	121	45	3			1		2		45	1	46	9	4	15
Azure.....	122	70	5		1					76	10	86	10	2	45
Lancer.....	123	52	3							55	2	57	10	1	11
Mount Hermon.....	124	67				3		4		60	1	61	11	4	13
Latomia.....	125	95	12			2		1		104	1	105	10	13	28.6
Cadillac.....	126	25	2	1	1	1				28	1	29	8	1	45
Birch Hills.....	127	45	1	1	1	1		2	1	44	3	47	12	4	18.5
Meyronne.....	128	47	3			1				49		49	9	1	45
Mossbank.....	129	51		1		1		1		50	1	51	12	1	11
Togo.....	130	38	6			1		1	1	41	3	44	11	4	20.7
Dinston.....	131	75	3	2				1	1	78	4	82	12	6	25
Conquest.....	132	39	1	1		5			1	35	3	38	12	1	9
Philathea.....	133	55	6			1				60	1	61	12	4	16
Eston.....	134	114	8	2		3		1	15	105	16	121	11	8	28
Elrose.....	135	59	6	2		2		2		63	3	66	12	4	25
St. George.....	136	172	13	4		4		7	6	172	20	192	10	12	40
Tyrian.....	137	33	3	1		2		1	2	32	5	37	12	1	12
Kincaid.....	138	70	3			1		1	2	69	6	75	12		18.5
Riverhurst.....	139	34	1		1	3		1		32	2	34	11	2	13.6
Sceptre.....	140	32		1	1	1	2			31		31	11		15
Progressive.....	141	60	5		1	1				65	1	66	11	6	16
Leader.....	142	60	4	1		1				64	4	68	11		17
Hawarden.....	143	37	4	1				3		39		39	11	4	
Victory.....	144	187	16	6	1	2		5	4	199	14	213	10	26	27
Elfros.....	145	47	6		1	1				53		53	12	2	61
Asquith.....	146	34		1	1	1				35	2	37	11	3	14
Elstow.....	147	51	2			10		1		42	5	47	6	4	19
Dunblane.....	148	40	1			1				40	1	41	7		9.5
Loverna.....	149	39	2			1		2	1	37	1	38	11	2	12.6
Wawota.....	150	24	2		1	2				25	1	26	6	1	11
Viscount.....	151	41	1							42	2	44	7	1	60

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	6	64.00	249.28	4,749.28		2,000.00		Yes
	4	53.00	85.19	3,528.19		1,200.00	1	Yes
24.00	2	16.00	219.21	1,909.21	56.00	450.00	1	No
152.90	33	360.90	597.74	12,061.34	222.00	500.00	1	Pt.
	3	13.00	450.60	5,456.35	50.00	3,400.00	1	Yes
			157.00	4,860.00	85.00	350.00	1	No
	11	129.00	305.89	3,008.89	84.00	600.00	1	No
	20	231.00	296.35	2,717.35	259.00	2,100.00	1	Yes
	10	115.00	74.62	844.62	60.00	500.00	1	No
121.00	13	132.00	328.92	8,604.65	223.60	1,000.00	2	No
100.00	4	30.00	71.20	3,880.95	75.00	400.00	1	No
	12	72.50	944.26	2,019.26	130.00	350.00	1	No
30.00	13	112.50	274.94	3,637.44	21.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	5	40.00	282.22	1,345.22		300.00	1	No.
	3	36.50	312.70	1,949.20		1,200.00	1	Pt.
	5	74.00	360.75	840.25	60.00	225.00	1	No
	6	30.00	217.70	1,497.70	65.00	200.00	1	No
10.00	13	86.00	257.72	2,553.72	124.00	500.00	1	No
	2	20.00	91.87	3,886.87	15.00	2,250.00	1	Yes
63.50	2	21.45	605.35	1,019.65	139.15	250.00	1	No
	15	184.00		6,002.60		3,100.00	1	Yes
	18	340.00	.03	2,795.03		2,000.00	1	Yes
18.00			167.73	3,446.86	72.00	300.00	1	No
96.00	18	160.00	581.78	5,241.78	125.00	10,750.00	1	Pt.
	2	13.40	243.49	1,356.59	125.00	200.00	1	No
51.32	5	85.00	893.04	2,338.04	160.00	450.00	1	No
	9	54.00	289.77	843.77		150.00	1	No
			306.00	8,726.00		5,000.00	1	Yes
	2	10.00	67.26	2,867.26	272.00	1,300.00	1	Yes
70.00			125.90	3,764.90	325.90	2,750.00	1	Yes
	11	90.50	64.75	1,430.25	201.50	400.00	1	No
26.00	14	144.00	314.83	4,333.83	49.00	1,600.00	1	Yes
	19	238.90	465.88	9,357.98	129.00	12,800.00	1	Yes
35.00	4	20.00	323.42	5,043.42		3,300.00	1	Yes
300.00	22	201.00	371.51	2,875.01	68.00	300.00	1	Yes
	2	20.00	482.09	2,092.09		1,000.00	1	Yes
30.00	21	231.00	279.80	1,697.80		250.00	1	No
	2	17.00	167.49	3,154.49	50.00	150.00	1	Yes
30.00	6	70.00	48.99	3,906.99	30.00	3,300.00	1	Yes
65.00	14	490.00	461.95	2,801.95		1,800.00	1	Yes
	2	40.00	780.23	5,490.23		4,500.00	1	Yes
25.00			10.00	2,380.00	100.00	190.00	1	Yes
170.27	28	269.00	1,379.91	3,069.16	234.00	500.00	1	Pt.
	13	108.00	307.75	3,654.75		2,250.00	1	Yes
			505.83	1,330.83		300.00	1	No
87.00	12	154.00	8.34	1,382.34	72.00		1	No
	4	30.00	113.75	2,381.75		950.00	2	Yes
	5	24.90	186.88	1,036.78	67.65	200.00	1	No
	5	25.00	177.02	502.02		260.00	1	No
	13	140.00	172.27	3,082.27		1,900.00		Yes

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Star City.....	152	46	5	1						52	3	55	12	1	20
Banner.....	154	214	12	2	3	3	2	5	2	219	24	243	10	18	40
Raymore.....	155	27	7	1	2					37		37	12	4	16
Avonlea.....	156	43	2	2						47	2	49	7	6	13
York.....	157	29	3			6			1	25	4	29	9	2	
Borden.....	158	57		1				1		57	4	61	13	2	20
Cut Knife.....	160	40	11		1	3	3	1		45		45	12	3	12
Welwyn.....	161	19	1							20	1	21	11		10
Saltcoats.....	162	19	4			1				22		22	12	2	11
Fillmore.....	163	39				1	1	1		36	1	37	7		10
Milestone.....	164	45	3							48	1	49	12	5	19
St. Luke's.....	165	64	12	1		3	2	1	1	70	4	74	12	4	24.5
Wakaw.....	166	39	4		1	2				42		42	11	2	12.6
Preeceville.....	167	39	8	1						48	4	52	12	7	14.6
Earl Grey.....	168	39	4			1	1	1		40	3	43	11	3	46
Quill Lake.....	169	33	1			1		1		32		32	7	1	60
Sharon.....	170	34	3			2		1		34	1	35	9	3	14
Shellbrook.....	171	65	12	1	2	1				79	3	82	12	14	26
Memorial.....	172	72	9	2		3	1			79	3	82	10	8	19
Lakeview.....	173	40	2							42		42	11	2	18
St. Andrews.....	174	233	42	4	1	6	3	2	2	267	5	272	12	25	57
Radville.....	175	48	1	1		2		2		46	2	48	10	1	4.3
Gray.....	176	48	2						1	49	1	50	12	4	17
Verwood.....	177	65	2	1	1	1				68	1	69	8	1	20
Norquay.....	178	30			1	2				29		29	1		
Kelvington.....	179	27	7	1						35		35	11	1	61
Herbert.....	180	36	2	1						39	1	40	10	7	15
Tuberose.....	181	46	3				1		2	46	4	50	11	1	19
Lonach.....	182	35	1	1		3	1	1		32	2	34	11	1	16
Nipawin.....	183	66	5	3	4	3	5			70		70	13	2	22
Osage.....	184	31	1							32	1	33	9	2	10
Loyalty.....	185	32	1		1			1		33	1	34	12	1	15
Emulation.....	186	83	18	3		3		2	1	98	2	100	10	10	22
Lucky Lake.....	187	26	7			1			1	31	1	32	7	2	6.5
Glenedyth.....	188	59	2			1			1	59	1	60	12	1	24
Herschel.....	189	34	5							39	1	40	10	5	13
Turtleford.....	190	41	1			5		1		36		36	12	1	11
Macrorie.....	191	25	6					1		30		30	12	2	18.5
Sovereign.....	192	44	3							47		47	10	4	22
Mazenod.....	193	36	3	1		3		1		36	1	37	11	3	11
Vanguard.....	194	40	5			1				44		44	10	1	
Pleasantdale.....	195	30	8			1				37		37	9	5	12
Lacadena.....	196	67	3			2				68	1	69	12	4	27
Chaplin.....	197	35	1					1		35		35	12	1	14
Colfax.....	198	37				2	1			34	2	36	9	1	16
Admiral.....	199	26								26		26	10	1	93
Hudson Bay.....	200	39	6	1		1				45		45	12	1	16
Glentworth.....	201	20	3	1						24		24	12		17
Rose Valley.....	202	11	3	2						16		16	6	2	95
Meadow Lake.....	203	15	8	2						25		25	6	3	15
Northern Light.....	204	13	7			1				19		19	5	1	11

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115.00	3	30.00	1,028.03	5,408.03	213.01	2,800.00	1	Yes
404.37	33	352.00	828.50	14,512.45	687.68	250.00	1	Pt.
	1	32.00	70.85	1,302.85	175.00	1,200.00	1	Yes
	8	80.00	36.69	4,223.69	404.28	3,000.00		Yes
			608.55	848.55	8.00	300.00	1	No
	24	250.00	854.23	2,242.23	50.98	1,800.00	1	Yes
	7	120.00	359.78	1,697.78		250.00	1	No
	2	16.00	185.61	326.61		150.00		No
			36.54	1,826.54	10.00	1,600.00	1	Yes
	9	55.00	239.28	674.36		400.00	1	No
	6	65.00	235.37	4,665.37	1,797.00	3,000.00	1	Yes
60.00	10	160.48	921.44	2,009.27	50.00	300.00	1	No
	8	110.00	241.44	1,501.44		400.00	1	No
15.00	2	14.00	352.70	3,326.71		1,200.00	1	Yes
		18.00	435.57	1,953.57		1,500.00	1	Yes
	3	18.00	384.30	2,402.30	29.00	400.00	1	No
	6	60.00	187.90	3,247.90	30.00	1,200.00	1	Yes
122.55	11	105.00	652.18	2,395.18		1,000.00	1	No
	21	176.50	1,001.78	2,473.28	93.00	300.00	1	No
	4	12.50	83.17	700.67		250.00	1	No
	36	365.00	1,412.98	12,678.98	1,110.00	350.00	1	Pt.
10.00	6	48.00	267.73	1,420.73	147.00	300.00		Yes
	6	66.00	583.46	3,149.46		1,500.00	1	Yes
	20	198.00	380.17	1,725.00	35.00	750.00	1	No
	12	305.00	18.98	2,423.98	55.89			Yes
24.00	5	72.00	15.43	787.43		500.00	1	No
66.00			225.59	655.59		300.00	1	No
	5	50.00	358.88	4,366.65		3,150.00	2	Yes
36.00	3	25.00	77.66	2,132.66	127.00	1,800.00	1	Yes
	8	125.00	2,127.42	6,007.42	160.00	300.00	2	No
24.00	9	109.00	587.68	981.78		300.00	1	No
	3	70.00	196.05	1,066.05		200.00	1	No
	39	653.50	2,468	10,678.18	3,067.50	200.00	1	Pt.
			178.74	1,706.74		240.00	1	No
15.00			28.51		250.00	200.00	1	No
		24.00	396.85	1,020.85	36.00	400.00	1	No
23.22	3	30.00	203.63	2,223.63	34.00	200.00	1	No
	1	15.00	346.29	1,015.84		500.00	2	No
			628.71	5,528.71		2,500.00	1	Yes
			120.00	2,230.00		1,250.00	2	Yes
	10	90.00	190.33	1,430.33		450.00	1	No
	9	180.00	395.72	875.72	13.00	300.00	2	No
	2	16.00	464.49	2,336.25	98.00	200.00	1	No
	6	48.00	311.22	2,133.81		1,500.00	1	Yes
	3	21.00	672.52	2,393.52	77.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
41.60	7	240.00	453.17	1,510.61		1,430.00	1	Yes
			372.46	982.46			1	No
			214.61	814.61	50.00	600.00	2	No
			253.47	503.14	135.86		1	No
			246.49	908.52	474.07	500.00	1	No
	2	5.00	222.92	927.92	373.00	400.00	1	No

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	Nova Scotia.....H. C. Oxley.....Sheet Harbour	
	Ohio.....G. W. Montgomery.....Youngston	
	Oklahoma.....W. E. Goode.....Canton	

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C. S. Preston.....Carnduff	Paraiba.....	D. Mororo.....Joao Pessoa
F. A. Williamson.....Regina	Ph. Islands.....	Vin. Orosa.....Cabanatuan
	P. E. Island.....	Wm. McLean.....Kensington
	Puerto Rico.....	R. R. Pabon.....San Juan
W. O. Fraser.....Oxbow	Quebec.....	G. S. Burrows.....St. Lambert
A. F. McFaul.....Zealandia	Queensland.....	N. J. Langtry.....Brisbane
T. Guest.....Saskatoon	Rhode Island.....	J. C. Collins.....Providence
J. E. Rodney.....KerRobert	Rio de Janeiro.....	I. D. Costa.....Rio de Janeiro
R. Young.....Prince Albert	Scotland.....	Rt. Hon. Earl of Stair.....Edinburgh
	S. Australia.....	J. E. Walton.....Adelaide
R. L. Hanbidge.....KerRobert	S. Carolina.....	J. E. Hart.....York
J. C. Carter.....Outlook	S. Dakota.....	F. M. Westby.....Madison
F. C. Wilson.....Regina	Tennessee.....	B. T. Dawkins.....Memphis
J. McGregor.....Saskatoon	Texas.....	J. M. Martin.....Abilene
A. G. McLean.....Raymore	Utah.....	J. F. Woolley Salt Lake City
F. A. Dunk.....Regina	Vermont.....	J. C. Thomas.....Orwell
	Victoria.....	R. G. Ball.....Melbourne
Wm. Leith.....Glamis	Virginia.....	J. L. Brown.....Lynchburg
D. Fraser.....Regina	Washington.....	J. M. Roberts.....Tacoma
A. O. Brooks.....Abernethy	W. Australia.....	Ven. Dean Moore.....Perth
E. C. Bird.....Regina	W. Virginia.....	Ward M. Downs.....Charleston
F. B. O'Neil.....Langham	Wisconsin.....	C. Kummer.....Sheboygan
F. M. Hodson.....Rosthern		

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Colorado.....	H. W. Bundy.....	Denver
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Cuba.....	C. P. Gutierrez.....	La Habana, 72
Cuscatlan.....	J. L. Tellez.....	San Salvador
Delaware.....	C. R. Jones.....	Wilmington
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Kentucky	Alpheus E. Orton	Louisville
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Maine	C. E. Leach	Portland
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North Carolina	W. L. McIver	Raleigh
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Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	H. S. Johnson	Cincinnati
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Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	T. E. Doss	Nashville
Texas	G. H. Belew	Waco
Utah	E. Roy Gibson	Salt Lake City
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West Virginia	I. W. Coffman	Charleston
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Wyoming	I. E. Clark	Casper

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an (*) install on anniversary of St. John the Baptist.
All other Lodges install on anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.
For location and date of meeting see District Directory following:

No. Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
1 Kinistino	J. S. Brow	W. E. Bristowe	1
2 Wascana	L. Johnson	H. Willsmer	2
3 Moose Jaw	A. L. Anderson	J. Wilson	3
4 Qu'Appelle Valley	D. MacBeth	P. E. Cooper	4
5 Indian Head	J. E. Robison	F. O. Burrill	4
6 *Qu'Appelle	A. C. Conlan	J. F. Bell	4
7 *Moosomin	J. F. Klassen	A. H. D. Sharp	9
8 Ashlar	R. S. Armstrong	J. G. Telford	9
9 Maple Leaf	J. S. Armstrong	A. M. Currie	11
10 Evening Star	A. O. Smith	J. P. Claxton	9
11 N.W.M.P.	F. W. Kimberley	H. R. Robinson	2
12 Yorkton	J. E. Hockley	T. R. Luke	10
13 Duck Lake	J. M. Urton	F. Anderson	1
14 *Santaluta	H. M. Balfour	W. G. Blakley	4
15 Amity	S. F. Cunningham	W. J. McGowan	8
16 Saskatchewan	F. R. Cosford	F. E. Smith-Jones	5
17 *Carlyle	W. E. Ehnis	J. I. Beggs	8
18 Melfort	P. J. Fennell	Wm. Lonsdale	1
19 Battle	G. E. Stuhr	H. S. May	7
20 Weyburn	J. Watson	P. K. Brown	6
21 *Arcola	W. D. Duncan	P. B. Thomson	8
22 Rosthern	M. A. Hugh	E. St. G. Hodson	1
23 Britannia	R. L. Curtis	W. M. Cardiff	7
24 *Wolseley	R. F. Linton	T. W. Tiller	4
25 Estevan	W. Hopkins	W. Burton	8
26 Swift Current	Wm. Ellison	R. W. Atkinson	11
27 Alameda	G. H. Ward	J. P. Gordon	8
28 Hanley	D. R. Kimball	F. J. Lloyd	5
29 *Heward	F. G. Burns	F. Wiley	8
30 *New Hope	C. C. Cameron	H. I. Shaw	8
31 Ionic	E. M. Minette	A. E. Blower	7
32 Golden Rule	H. E. Waters	H. W. Haylor	2
33 Davidson	C. E. Bell	M. W. Coxworth	5
34 *Lang	A. H. Barmby	N. H. Penfold	6
35 Prince Rupert	J. H. Glazebrook	C. W. Bossons	15
36 Bruce	J. N. McGillivray	W. G. Robinson	6
37 *Wapella	C. A. Stutt	J. C. Tocher	9
38 Ekapo	I. A. Pollock	W. L. Black	9
39 Boscurvis	H. S. Penny	A. L. Moir	8
40 Rouleau	Ira J. Adams	S. K. Johnston	2
41 Drinkwater	J. J. Gorr	W. L. Woodger	2
42 Caron	D. A. McDougall	J. E. Orr	3
43 Ishpaming	E. S. Humphreys	I. Selchen	5
44 *Landmark	E. O. Lindeblom	W. H. Tweddell	7
45 *Aurora	J. Wardlaw	R. W. Mercer	10
46 *Strasbourg	G. A. Third	F. Marwood	16
47 *Cupar	J. N. Ormiston	T. Hesketh	4
48 Grayson	E. H. Clayton	C. E. Bell	9
49 Assiniboia	J. J. Walker	W. Green	2
50 *Golden Fleece	R. E. McGregor	D. Litschke	6
51 Touchwood	H. M. Creedon	C. G. Shooter	16

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52	Border.....	D. M. Morrison.....	W. H. Coney.....	8
53	Nanatah.....	J. D. Sherrick.....	A. Moffett.....	4
54	*Buchanan.....	H. J. G. Gardner.....	A. C. Jennings.....	10
55	*Craik.....	O. Wright.....	G. W. McLean.....	2
56	*Elbow View.....	H. F. Donaldson.....	S. Platt.....	17
57	*Prairie.....	J. R. Campbell.....	W. C. Chapman.....	13
58	King Solomon.....	J. Towers.....	H. W. Pearce.....	10
59	*Canora.....	C. Garvin.....	W. Potter.....	10
60	Imperial.....	H. A. Canadine.....	R. G. Perriam.....	5
61	*Rocanville.....	W. L. Hewgill.....	R. G. Rook.....	9
62	Melville.....	T. J. McGee.....	C. B. Mutchler.....	10
63	Prince Albert.....	R. E. Partridge.....	T. F. Pickering.....	1
64	Manitou.....	R. Veitch.....	H. C. Heywood.....	16
65	*Outlook.....	J. R. McGregor.....	T. E. Armstrong.....	17
66	*Wynyard.....	K. A. Miller.....	F. Wilson.....	15
67	*Eyebrow.....	N. B. MacDonald.....	N. J. MacDonald.....	3
68	Govan.....	S. D. Guthrie.....	E. F. Dickev.....	16
69	*Carrot River.....	H. A. McKay.....	R. J. Humphrey.....	1
70	Cypress.....	A. E. Woodward.....	R. J. Rainbow.....	11
71	Doric.....	W. J. Edwards.....	S. R. Stephens.....	3
72	Corinthian.....	A. Madsen.....	W. H. Kerr.....	2
73	*Unity.....	F. Werthenbach.....	J. P. Fawcett.....	13
74	*Kilwinning.....	J. H. Stewart.....	A. M. Bell.....	13
75	*Harmony.....	A. G. Vetzal.....	A. E. Friend.....	13
76	Tisdale.....	C. E. Ready.....	G. M. Creed.....	1
77	*Abernethy.....	G. W. Foster.....	H. J. Middleton.....	4
78	Tugaske.....	C. W. Wilson.....	T. W. Russell.....	3
79	*Foam Lake.....	J. M. Cowie.....	J. Reid.....	15
80	Connaught.....	L. R. Trotter.....	R. I. Leggett.....	9
81	Tuscan.....	F. J. Murney.....	Wm. Hamilton.....	16
82	*Victoria.....	R. J. Baker.....	B. L. Agate.....	12
83	*Meridian.....	H. H. Dier.....	W. E. Kilpatrick.....	13
84	*Lanigan.....	R. G. Leggott.....	C. Stackhouse.....	13
85	*Zealandia.....	L. W. Moen.....	R. R. Greenman.....	12
86	Kindersley.....	G. H. Bishop.....	L. P. Kincaid.....	12
87	*Wadena.....	G. H. Neilson.....	R. H. Nicholson.....	15
88	*Briercrest.....	H. I. Rae.....	A. Robbie.....	3
89	Twin City.....	S. Batten.....	R. Horspool.....	5
90	*KerRobert.....	H. D. Steele.....	A. K. Murdoch.....	13
91	*Rosetown.....	B. R. Arneil.....	W. H. Blakely.....	12
92	Lodge Progress.....	N. G. Paterson.....	Thomas Graham.....	5
93	*Morse.....	Harry Dick.....	R. Crisp.....	11
94	*Maryfield.....	J. M. Lipsey.....	A. Lipsev.....	9
95	*Evergreen.....	W. A. Stevens.....	J. B. Wilson.....	5
96	Yellow Grass.....	V. A. Wilkenson.....	P. C. Hill.....	6
97	*Radisson.....	F. H. Stewart.....	G. L. Campbell.....	7
98	*Union.....	A. T. Arndt.....	R. J. Eley.....	16
99	*Goose Lake.....	S. J. Colley.....	J. C. Cinnamon.....	5
100	Biggar.....	E. G. Baldwin.....	F. Hopkins.....	13
101	Acacia.....	A. Ulmer.....	H. R. Woodley.....	16
102	*Invermay.....	A. Pocock.....	G. Telfer.....	15
103	Composite.....	S. J. Sawyer.....	W. J. Toppings.....	9
104	King Hiram.....	C. Blackham.....	C. L. Smith.....	2
105	Gothic.....	S. C. Onerheim.....	H. E. Marshall.....	13
106	St. John's.....	E. F. Macpherson.....	R. N. Lingard.....	14
107	Mortlach.....	W. H. Bossence.....	F. H. W. Kahlo.....	3

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108	*Long Lake	W. G. Cole	J. Martin	16
109	Limerick	J. C. Mehian	H. J. Gordon	14
110	Shaunavon	A. M. Sanburn	T. L. Ferguson	14
111	*Aneroid	F. J. Bitler	E. C. Jacob	14
112	Woodrow	H. Silverman	J. C. Cram	14
113	*Broderick	S. D. Miller	Jas. Gifford	17
114	*Central Butte	W. N. Jones	R. S. Hemsworth	3
115	*Landis	P. S. Weber	C. H. Hoganson	13
116	*Ceylon	J. T. Meredith	P. W. Westlake	6
117	Dundurn	A. J. Lindberg	A. E. Hokanson	5
118	*Paragon	F. C. Dawe	G. A. Weese	3
119	Cabri	S. W. Fowler	J. S. Backus	11
120	*Ogema	W. F. Whittingham	H. Hartley	6
121	*Simpson	W. L. Blackmore	S. J. Caught	16
122	Azure	A. T. Mummery	R. R. Blissett	14
123	*Lancer	O. T. Symington	J. B. Cross	11
124	Mount Hermon	T. H. Bowditch	E. Housego	11
125	Latomia	J. W. Adolphe	W. H. Hart	6
126	*Cadillac	L. A. Pickell	A. Laurie	14
127	*Birch Hills	P. D. Lynch	W. R. A. Orton	1
128	Meyronne	J. M. Horner	Stanley Day	14
129	*Mossbank	R. Collins	C. C. Shattuck	3
130	Togo	W. E. Blewett	J. A. Brown	10
131	*Dinston	B. F. Rolleston	A. Drysdale	17
132	*Conquest	I. Mathison	H. A. Head	17
133	Philathea	R. W. Gray	J. H. Marvin	16
134	Eston	A. J. Cox	D. Steadward	12
135	*Elrose	R. L. Messinger	W. H. Walker	12
136	St. George	C. Green	H. J. Reid	3
137	*Tyrian	W. J. Elliott	H. L. Binns	7
138	Kincaid	M. O. Pascoe	C. C. Sonne	14
139	*Riverhurst	F. H. Lumley	N. C. Rudd	17
140	Sceptre	W. A. Campbell	E. J. Armstrong	11
141	Progressive	H. S. Stephenson	E. W. Heffer	11
142	*Leader	J. J. McDermid	W. I. Powell	11
143	*Hawarden	J. H. Pierce	E. A. Hudson	17
144	Victory	A. McFarlane	A. W. Gunn	5
145	*Elfros	W. G. White	S. G. Kristjanson, Jr.	15
146	*Asquith	N. Warren	C. H. Mitchell	5
147	*Elstow	W. H. Helm	P. J. Warner	5
148	*Dunblane	J. Sinclair	O. Amerud	17
149	Loverna	J. W. Krauss	Wm. Pettit	13
150	*Wawota	D. E. White	G. Underhill	9
151	Viscount	J. G. Young	B. K. Lee	15
152	Star City	J. N. Adams	H. J. Collison	1
154	Banner	G. W. R. Clarke	A. E. Miscampbell	2
155	Raymore	C. Hanna	J. Riddel	16
156	*Avonlea	C. H. Cathro	H. A. Cathro	3
157	*York	F. C. Rombough	H. Hoar	10
158	Borden	C. Hardstaff	O. Brand	7
160	*Cut Knife	J. H. Coates	W. Wettlaufer	7
161	*Welwyn	W. R. Morton	J. C. H. slop	9
162	*Saltcoats	E. S. Clarke	J. W. Kennedy	10
163	*Fillmore	L. Dodd	D. McLean	8
164	Milestone	J. N. Pedersen	W. G. Switzer	2
165	*St. Luke's	J. MacPhee	D. M. McIntosh	13
166	*Wakaw	M. S. Fairley	C. D. Sutherland	1

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167 *Preeceville	M. Gelmon	G. E. Hickling	10
168 *Earl Grey	K. J. Black	T. C. Keep	4
169 *Quill Lake	J. H. Dickson	T. A. Tennent	15
170 *Sharon	R. J. Varley	R. Dayman	3
171 *Shellbrook	J. R. Stewart	J. W. Payne	1
172 *Memorial	R. T. C. Heaps	R. Mayes	3
173 *Lakeview	J. A. Lawton	G. H. Johnson	5
174 St. Andrews	J. E. L. Dickson	E. G. Bourne	2
175 Radville	A. J. Haddon	J. A. Williamson	6
176 *Gray	E. L. Kelly	R. Montgomerie	2
177 *Verwood	W. Oberg	W. S. Nevill	14
178 *Norquay		E. Treasure	10
179 Kelvington	W. T. Gillings	R. Thoms	15
180 *Herbert	A. Munro	E. Drury	11
181 *Tuberoose	C. E. Clark	I. H. Pittman	12
182 *Lonach	A. Roberts	K. I. Shattuck	7
183 Nipawin	A. Doherty	W. G. Shearer	1
184 *Osage	A. Shotter	J. W. Cooper	6
185 *Loyalty	E. Reid	J. Birse	7
186 *Emulation	W. A. Silverthorn	F. H. Auld	2
187 *Lucky Lake	H. G. Haack	Wm. McLean	17
188 *Glenedyth	R. B. McKee	A. H. Stevens	14
189 *Herschel	F. E. Friend	L. C. Edy	12
190 *Turtleford	H. L. Yoerger	C. W. Reed	7
191 *Macrorie	A. Roseth	H. A. Harvey	17
192 *Sovereign	L. H. Wensley	H. F. Cave	17
193 *Mazenod	C. Fox	E. P. Line	3
194 *Vanguard	E. R. McGillavray	C. R. Richards	14
195 Pleasantdale	D. L. Jefferson	S. B. Shields	1
196 *Lacadena	A. G. Turner	D. A. McMillan	12
197 *Chaplin	W. Cantlon	W. R. Gunning	3
198 Colfax	A. S. McIver	T. C. Morton	6
199 Admiral	A. C. Running	O. F. Wetterstrand	14
200 *Hudson Bay	M. C. Hobman	T. W. Gilmour	10
201 Glentworth	E. W. Fancourt	A. J. MacLean	14
202 Rose Valley	E. Cross	H. R. Hodgson	15
203 Meadow Lake	J. T. S. Warden	E. P. Woodman	7
204 Northern Light	H. A. Stephenson	F. E. Wagar	7
U.D. Aberdeen	J. R. Riches	I. H. Lowery	1

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

DISTRICT No. 1—D.D.G.M., H.,V. GOLDFINCH, MELFORT

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
1	Kinistino	Prince Albert	1st Friday
13	Duck Lake	Duck Lake	2nd Wednesday
18	Melfort	Melfort	1st Tuesday
22	Rosthern	Rosthern	3rd Wednesday
63	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	2nd Friday
69	Carrot River	Kinistino	2nd Monday
76	Tisdale	Tisdale	Wednesday on or before
127	Birch Hills	Birch Hills	Second Tuesday
152	Star City	Star City	Thursday on or before

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
166	Wakaw	Wakaw	Monday on or after
171	Shellbrook	Shellbrook	1st Tuesday
183	Nipawin	Nipawin	2nd Thursday
195	Pleasantdale	Pleasantdale	Thursday on or after

DISTRICT No. 2—D.D.G.M., A. P. MacLEAN, REGINA

2	Wascana	Regina	1st Tuesday
11	N.W.M.P.	Regina	3rd Tuesday
32	Golden Rule	Pense	3rd Thursday
40	Rouleau	Rouleau	2nd Tuesday
41	Drinkwater	Drinkwater	Thursday on or before
49	Assiniboia	Regina	3rd Friday
55	Craik	Craik	Wednesday on or before
72	Corinthian	Lumsden	Friday on or before
104	King Hiram	Regina	2nd Tuesday
154	Banner	Regina	3rd Monday
164	Milestone	Milestone	1st Thursday
174	St. Andrew's	Regina	3rd Wednesday
176	Gray	Gray	1st Tuesday
186	Emulation	Regina	4th Thursday

DISTRICT No. 3—D.D.G.M., H. A. CATHRO, AVONLEA

3	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	2nd Tuesday
42	Caron	Caron	2nd Thursday
67	Eyebrow	Eyebrow	2nd Tuesday
71	Doric	Moose Jaw	1st Wednesday
78	Tugaske	Tugaske	Monday on or before
88	Briercrest	Briercrest	3rd Wednesday
107	Mortlach	Mortlach	Tuesday on or before
114	Central Butte	Central Butte	3rd Monday
129	Mossbank	Mossbank	Wednesday on or before
136	St. George	Moose Jaw	3rd Friday
156	Avonlea	Avonlea	2nd Monday
170	Sharon	Bateman	3rd Tuesday
172	Memorial	Moose Jaw	2nd Thursday
193	Mazenod	Mazenod	1st Tuesday
197	Chaplin	Chaplin	2nd Monday

DISTRICT No. 4—D.D.G.M., THOMAS HESKETH, CUPAR

4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle	3rd Wednesday
5	Indian Head	Indian Head	Thursday on or before
6	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before
14	Sintaluta	Sintaluta	Tuesday on or before
24	Wolseley	Wolseley	3rd Wednesday
47	Cupar	Cupar	2nd Tuesday
53	Nanatah	Balcarres	2nd Monday
77	Abernethy	Abernethy	1st Thursday
168	Earl Grey	Earl Grey	Wednesday on or before

DISTRICT No. 5—D.D.G.M., C. A. MOIR, SASKATOON

16	Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	1st Tuesday
28	Hanley	Hanley	3rd Thursday
33	Davidson	Davidson	Thursday on or before
43	Ishpaming	Langham	Wednesday on or before
60	Imperial	Saskatoon	2nd Wednesday
89	Twin City	Sutherland	2nd Monday
92	Lodge Progress	Saskatoon	1st Thursday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
95	Evergreen	Harris	Wednesday on or before
99	Goose Lake	Delisle	Monday on or before
117	Dundurn	Dundurn	3rd Wednesday
144	Victory	Saskatoon	2nd Saturday
146	Asquith	Asquith	Friday on or before
147	Elstow	Elstow	Thursday on or before
173	Lakeview	Tessier	3rd Tuesday
U.D.	Aberdeen	Aberdeen	1st Thursday

DISTRICT No. 6—D.D.G.M., R. F. SWINTON, OSAGE

20	Weyburn	Weyburn	1st Monday
34	Lang	Lang	4th Tuesday
36	Bruce	Francis	1st Tuesday
50	Golden Fleece	Halbrite	Monday on or after
96	Yellow Grass	Yellow Grass	Wednesday on or before
116	Ceylon	Ceylon	2nd Wednesday
120	Ogema	Ogema	2nd Monday
125	Latomia	Weyburn	3rd Friday
175	Radville	Radville	2nd Thursday
184	Osage	Osage	3rd Wednesday
198	Colfax	Colfax	2nd Thursday

DISTRICT No. 7—D.D.G.M., F. L. STEPHENS, DENHOLM

19	Battle	Battleford	1st Thursday
23	Britannia	Lloydminster	3rd Thursday
31	Ionic	North Battleford	2nd Friday
44	Landmark	Lashburn	Thursday on or before
97	Radisson	Radisson	Tuesday on or after
137	Tyrian	Edam	Tuesday on or before
158	Borden	Borden	Monday on or before
160	Cut Knife	Cut Knife	2nd Thursday
182	Lonach	Marsden	2nd Monday
185	Loyalty	Ruddell	Thursday on or before
190	Turtleford	Turtleford	2nd Thursday
203	Meadow Lake	Meadow Lake	3rd Tuesday
204	Northern Light	Loon Lake	2nd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 8—D.D.G.M., W. E. FERN, OXBOW

15	Amity	Carnduff	2nd Thursday
17	Carlyle	Carlyle	3rd Monday
21	Arcola	Arcola	2nd Monday
25	Estevan	Estevan	3rd Friday
27	Alameda	Alameda	Tuesday on or before
29	Heward	Heward	Tuesday on or before
30	New Hope	Stoughton	1st Thursday
39	Boscurvis	Oxbow	3rd Monday
52	Border	Gainsborough	Tuesday on or before
163	Fillmore	Fillmore	2nd Thursday

DISTRICT No. 9—D.D.G.M., W. J. TOPPINGS, INCHKEITH

7	Moosomin	Moosomin	1st Wednesday
8	Ashlar	Whitewood	3rd Tuesday
10	Evening Star	Grenfell	2nd Tuesday
37	Wapella	Wapella	3rd Wednesday
38	Ekapo	Broadview	2nd Wednesday
48	Grayson	Dubuc	Wednesday on or before

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
61	Rocanville	Rocanville	2nd Monday
80	Connaught	Windthorst	Tuesday on or before
94	Maryfield	Maryfield	1st Tuesday
103	Composite	Kennedy	Thursday on or before
150	Wawota	Wawota	Wednesday on or before
161	Welwyn	Welwyn	3rd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 10—D.D.G.M., JOHN FOSTER, HUDSON BAY

12	Yorkton	Yorkton	1st Friday
45	Aurora	Theodore	3rd Monday
54	Buchanan	Buchanan	1st Tuesday
58	King Solomon	Kamsack	2nd Wednesday
59	Canora	Canora	4th Tuesday
62	Melville	Melville	4th Thursday
130	Togo	Togo	1st Wednesday
157	York	Churchbridge	2nd Wednesday
162	Saltcoats	Saltcoats	Wednesday on or before
167	Preeceville	Preeceville	3rd Wednesday
178	Norquay	Norquay	Thursday on or before
200	Hudson Bay	Hudson Bay	1st Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 11—D.D.G.M., J. STEWART, CABRI

9	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek	Thursday on or before
26	Swift Current	Swift Current	1st Tuesday
70	Cypress	Gull Lake	3rd Monday
93	Morse	Morse	1st Monday
119	Cabri	Cabri	1st Monday
123	Lancer	Lancer	2nd Tuesday
124	Mount Hermon	Pennant	Thursday on or before
140	Sceptre	Sceptre	1st Tuesday
141	Progressive	Tompkins	Wednesday on or before
142	Leader	Leader	Monday on or before
180	Herbert	Herbert	3rd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 12—D.D.G.M., D. McALISTER, ESTON

82	Victoria	Alsask	1st Tuesday
85	Zealandia	Zealandia	2nd Tuesday
86	Kindersley	Kindersley	1st Thursday
91	Rosetown	Rosetown	3rd Tuesday
134	Eston	Eston	4th Tuesday
135	Elrose	Elrose	3rd Monday
181	Tuberose	Kyle	2nd Thursday
189	Herschel	Herschel	1st Monday
196	Lacadena	Lacadena	2nd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 13—D.D.G.M., D. M. McINTOSH, PLENTY

57	Prairie	Wilkie	3rd Tuesday
73	Unity	Unity	2nd Wednesday
74	Kilwinning	Adanac	Thursday on or before
75	Harmony	Perdue	1st Thursday
83	Meridian	Macklin	Wednesday on or before
90	Kerrobert	Kerrobert	1st Monday
100	Biggar	Biggar	2nd Tuesday
105	Gothic	Luseland	2nd Monday
115	Landis	Landis	2nd Thursday
118	Paragon	Kelfield	1st Tuesday
149	Loverna	Loverna	3rd Monday
165	St. Luke's	Plenty	2nd Tuesday

DISTRICT No 14—D.D.G.M., H. THOMPSON, SHAUNAVON

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
106	St. John's	Assiniboia	1st Wednesday
109	Limerick	Limerick	Tuesday on or before
110	Shaunavon	Shaunavon	2nd Wednesday
111	Aneroid	Aneroid	2nd Thursday
112	Woodrow	Woodrow	1st Monday
122	Azure	Eastend	Thursday on or before
126	Cadillac	Cadillac	3rd Wednesday
128	Meyronne	Meyronne	2nd Monday
138	Kincaid	Kincaid	1st Thursday
177	Verwood	Verwood	2nd Wednesday
188	Glenedyth	Climax	2nd Thursday
194	Vanguard	Vanguard	3rd Monday
199	Admiral	Admiral	1st Wednesday
201	Glentworth	Glentworth	4th Monday.

DISTRICT No. 15—D.D.G.M., J. M. HANBIDGE, HUMBOLDT

35	Prince Rupert	Humboldt	2nd Friday
66	Wynyard	Wynyard	2nd Tuesday
79	Foam Lake	Foam Lake	2nd Thursday
84	Lanigan	Lanigan	2nd Thursday
87	Wadena	Wadena	Monday on or before
102	Invermay	Invermay	Tuesday on or before
145	Elfros	Elfros	Wednesday on or before
151	Viscount	Viscount	1st Tuesday
169	Quill Lake	Quill Lake	1st Thursday
179	Kelvington	Kelvington	Thursday on or before
202	Rose Valley	Rose Valley	1st Thursday

DISTRICT No. 16—D.D.G.M., W. A. RICHARDSON, STRASBOURG

46	Strasbourg	Strasbourg	4th Monday
51	Touchwood	Punnichy	2nd Tuesday
64	Manitou	Watrous	1st Thursday
68	Govan	Govan	1st Tuesday
81	Tuscan	Semans	Wednesday on or after
98	Union	Kelliher	3rd Monday
81	Tuscan	Semans	Wednesday on or after
98	Union	Kelliher	3rd Monday
101	Acacia	Imperial	1st Thursday
108	Long Lake	Liberty	2nd Tuesday
121	Simpson	Simpson	Wednesday on or before
133	Philathea	Nokomis	1st Thursday
155	Raymore	Raymore	2nd Monday

DISTRICT No. 17—D.D.G.M., R. L. MAXFIELD, MACRORIE

56	Elbow View	Loreburn	3rd Tuesday
65	Outlook	Outlook	2nd Thursday
113	Broderick	Glenside	Friday on or before
131	Dinston	Dinsmore	1st Wednesday
132	Conquest	Conquest	3rd Wednesday
139	Riverhurst	Riverhurst	3rd Wednesday
143	Hawarden	Hawarden	1st Tuesday
148	Dunblane	Dunblane	1st Monday
187	Lucky Lake	Lucky Lake	2nd Monday
191	Macrorie	Macrorie	Monday on or before
192	Sovereign	Sovereign	1st Tuesday

FIFTY-YEAR GOLD BUTTONS

Name of Brother	Year of Presentation	Lodge Membership when Presented	Year of Initiation	Jurisdiction
x C. O. Davidson	1939	Kinistino	1889	Manitoba
R. J. Jones	1946	Kinistino	1896	Manitoba
x D. S. McCannel	1939	Wascana	1887	Manitoba
W. O. Lott	1940	Wascana	1889	Canada in Ontario
Harry Willsmer	1942	Wascana	1892	England
John J. Galloway	1946	Wascana	1896	Canada in Ontario
W. A. Thomson	1946	Wascana	1896	Manitoba
Charles Gillard	1946	Wascana	1891	England
J. R. Pollock	1946	Wascana	1895	Canada in Ontario
x G. M. Annable	1941	Moose Jaw	1883	Canada in Ontario
W. A. Burton	1944	Moose Jaw	1894	Manitoba
J. H. Laird	1946	Moose Jaw	1896	Prince Edward Island
x Arthur Atherton	1938	Qu'Appelle Valley	1886	Manitoba
x E. W. Miller	1938	Qu'Appelle Valley	1888	Manitoba
x E. J. Brooks	1938	Indian Head	1881	Quebec
W. B. Tate	1942	Qu'Appelle	1891	Ireland
W. G. Vicars	1942	Qu'Appelle	1892	Manitoba
D. McFarlane	1945	Moosomin	1890	Manitoba
Walter Pennington	1946	Moosomin	1896	Manitoba
J. T. Johnson	1945	Moosomin	1895	Manitoba
J. B. Melrose	1943	Maple Leaf	1893	Scotland
x J. T. Peckett	1943	Maple Leaf	1893	Canada in Ontario
F. W. Martin	1941	Maple Leaf	1891	Canada in Ontario
Warren McKinstry	1947	Maple Leaf	1897	Canada in Ontario
R. B. Bennett	1942	Evening Star	1892	Manitoba
W. G. Haultain	1942	N.W.M.P.	1890	Manitoba
x Henry Turner	1946	Yorkton	1896	England
R. H. Lock	1946	Yorkton	1896	Manitoba
x J. H. Elliott	1941	Amity	1890	Canada in Ontario
x Andrew Rutherford	1938	Saskatchewan	1888	Canada in Ontario
F. B. Goodwillie	1945	Melfort	1895	Canada in Ontario
J. Hatton	1946	Melfort	1896	Manitoba
x J. A. Smith	1942	Estevan	1892	Manitoba
A. B. Stuart	1947	Estevan	1896	Manitoba
x J. T. Hart	1941	Golden Rule	1884	Nebraska
J. M. Martin	1944	Lang	1893	Scotland
Stewart Mitchell	1938	Bruce	1882	Ireland
x Richard Beale	1940	Ekapo	1888	Manitoba
x H. H. Campkin	1940	Assiniboia	1890	Manitoba
D. E. Spencer	1943	Assiniboia	1883	Michigan
Frank Dymott	1947	Assiniboia	1896	Scotland
L. H. Reeve	1944	Touchwood	1894	Canada in Ontario
W. T. Fallis	1939	Rocanville	1888	North Dakota
W. H. Kerr	1946	Corinthian	1896	Canada in Ontario
x James Stoddart	1942	Tugaske	1891	Canada in Ontario
Wm. T. Potts	1944	Wadena	1893	Manitoba
George Rathwell	1944	Rosetown	1894	Canada in Ontario
x D. Lawrence	1944	Rosetown	1894	Manitoba
U. S. Grant	1944	Yellow Grass	1894	Indiana
x Alex Austin	1945	Acacia	1894	North Dakota
John McChesney	1945	Invermay	1894	Scotland
C. B. Smith	1940	King Hiram	1888	Michigan
A. L. Merrill	1940	King Hiram	1890	Canada in Ontario
Joseph Wood	1946	King Hiram	1896	Manitoba

xDuncan McFarlane.....	1940	Paragon.....	1872	Scotland
xRobert Anderson.....	1939	Ogema.....	1886	Ireland
Chas. A. Bush.....	1940	Ogema.....	1886	Illinois
George Karr.....	1947	Simpson.....	1891	North Dakota
William Barber.....	1947	Meyronne.....	1897	Canada in Ontario
R. A. Miniely.....	1945	Dunblane.....	1894	Canada in Ontario
Arthur Mack.....	1939	Viscount.....	1889	Manitoba
F. W. Torney.....	1944	Memorial.....	1894	Manitoba
xArthur E. Staton.....	1943	Gray.....	1893	Canada in Ontario
A. R. Thomas.....	1944	Colfax.....	1893	South Dakota
xDeceased				

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APPROVED RULINGS

Nos. 1 to 62, inclusive—see Constitution.

63. A majority report of an Investigating Committee is sufficient. Pro. 1946.

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR 1947

Dist. No.	Place	Date	Dist. No.	Place	Date
15	Elfros.....	Wed., July 2	11	Swift Current.....	Tues., July 15
10	Melville.....	Thurs., July 3	5	Saskatoon.....	Wed., July 16
4	Fort Qu'Appelle.....	Fri., July 4	2	Regina.....	Thurs., July 17
16	Govan.....	Mon., July 7	3	Moose Jaw.....	Fri., July 18
17	Conquest.....	Tues., July 8	9	Broadview.....	Mon., July 21
12	Eston.....	Wed., July 9	8	Carlyle.....	Tues., July 22
13	Wilkie.....	Thurs., July 10	6	Weyburn.....	Wed., July 23
7	North Battleford.....	Fri., July 11	1	Prince Albert.....	Fri., July 25
14	Shaunavon.....	Mon., July 14			

The programme for the Meeting was as follows:

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00 p.m. Board of Installed Masters (W. M.'s and P.M.'s are eligible to attend and are urged to do so).
- 2:30 p.m. Opening District Meeting.
- (a) Reception of Grand Officers.
 - (b) Reading Minutes; reading report of D.D.G.M. for 1946-47.
 - (c) Exemplification of:
 1. Approach to Altar M.M.Degree.
 2. Portions of M.M.Degree.
 - (a) -----
 - (b) -----
 - (c) -----
 - (d) -----
 3. Board of Trial of visitor.
 4. N.E. Angle.
 5. Open discussion on portions of M.M. Degree exemplified.
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

- 7:30 p.m. (d) Reopening District Meeting.
 (e) Selection D.D.G.M. (written nominations to be filed with District Secretary by 7:30 p.m.)
 (f) Address: Grand Secretary—"Freemasonry and Youth."
 (g) Paper by appointed Grand Lodge Officer or other well-skilled Brother—"Third Degree Chart." (15 minutes).
 (h) Masonic Quiz: (Questions based on M.M. Degree and Constitution.)
 (i) Address: Grand Master—"Freemasonry and Citizenship."
 (j) Grand Lodge Officers retire.
 (k) District business.
- 10:00 p.m. Closing.

 COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION
 PROGRAMME, 1946-47

September—"Books on Masonry."
 October—"The Sublime in Freemasonry."
 November—"The Appeal of Masonry."
 December—"The Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1946."
 January—"The Point Within the Circle."
 February—"The Masonic Conception of Education."
 March—"Benevolent Fund Night."
 April—"The Devotional Aspect of Masonry."
 May—"The Landmarks of Freemasonry."
 June—"The Masonic Temple and its Architecture."
 July—"Why are Four Tassels Used in the Lodge Room?"

 BOOKS ON MASONRY—By W. Bro. J. E. Campbell

Some time ago we reviewed five or six outstanding books on Masonry—books obtainable at the present time. It was thought that such reviews were valuable, particularly to the new Mason. During the past season many young men have joined our Order and they, no doubt, are interested in sources of information and instruction. At this time we are going to review a few more interesting books with the hope that the effort will prove helpful to the young Mason and to the older Mason as well.

THE LURE OF FREEMASONRY by Joseph Johnson.

This book consists of 24 chapters with a foreword by Joseph Fort Newton. Each one of these chapters is capable of providing material and thought for a Masonic address. W. Bro. Rev. Joseph Johnson writes well. We were impressed by the excellent paragraph structure, the absence of colloquial expressions and the logical treatment of his themes. We shall call attention to the titles of some of the chapters of this book: The Personal Meaning of Freemasonry; The Creed of Freemasonry; The Attraction of Freemasonry;

The Three Grand Principles of Freemasonry; The Symbolism of Freemasonry; The Demands of Freemasonry; The Crowning Glory of Freemasonry; Freemasonry's Devotional Aspect; Freemasonry and the World's Need and Freemasonry of Tomorrow.

SPECULATIVE MASONRY by MacBride.

For 25 years or more the author was a teacher of Masonry in Scotland, instructing young men in the symbolism and ceremonial of the Craft. He was a man of rich learning—more practical than academic. As Master of his Lodge he introduced his system of lectures and instruction not only with the office-bearers but with the other members. The book is divided into three parts: The Mission of Speculative Masonry; the Evolution of Speculative Masonry, and the Landmarks of Speculative Masonry. In part I, he considers: the general Mission; the law of the Square; the quarries or the selection of the material; the Lodge or the preparation of the material; the Temple or the consummation of the Mission. In part II, he deals with: Origins ascribed to Masonry, the Collegia and Guilds and the old British Lodges. In part III, there are three chapters: the nature and division of the Landmarks; Misconceptions regarding the Landmarks and the Landmarks and Progress. MacBride was a genius as an expositor of the history, philosophy and symbolism of the Craft. An acquaintanceship with his book would prove intensely interesting and highly beneficial to every student of Masonry.

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE THREE DEGREES by Street.

Haywood says that this book is one of the half dozen best books on the subject in our language. It is divided into three parts: The E.A. Degree; The F.C. degree and The M.M. Degree. The symbolism of each of the degrees is dealt with thoroughly and the reader is not carried away to the open sea or more than empty space. The book contains a wealth of information, which is presented in an interesting way. The fact that the book is well written adds to the pleasure of its perusal. The book has been much read and widely sought. We are fortunate at the present time to be able to obtain copies.

MASONIC ENQUIRE WITHIN (Masonic Record Ltd.)

A glossary or explanation of 1001 questions relating to English Freemasonry. This work provides the Craft in general with a reliable book of definitions on all matters of Masonic import. It has been compiled with care and judgment and has been verified from a great variety of sources without bias. Its careful use on all occasions will enable Brethren to comprehend and appreciate our system in a way not hitherto available on the same lines.

THE SUBLIME IN FREEMASONRY

A resume of a lecture by W. Bro. C. E. F. Goy, published in the *Victorian Craftsman*, April, 1946.

The words of the Masonic ritual are universal. In many different languages and in every part of the world where Lodges assemble, the members conduct the ancient ceremonies and relate the time-honoured Masonic story in their own dialect and tongue. However, the Masonic language we are so well acquainted with is that which is so deeply enshrined in our beloved English tongue—a literature now centuries old.

It is quite inspiring to think that with a few minor modifications we recite the same words our ancient Brethren recited and that their hearts responded to the beauty and dignity of those magnificent words just as they do today. Our ritual is a literary gem. Consider the lecture in the W.T. (F.C.) and the

beautiful passages in the M.M. Degree. One could go on selecting jewel after jewel from this magnificent treasury of perfect literature. The ritual contains many wonderful words and it is important that we should become well acquainted with those words of great proportions used in our Masonic terminology.

For our purposes at this time we have selected one of the most striking words in our ritual. It is the word "sublime" and you know at once to which Degree it refers. Here we are face to face with a superlative, which conjures up for the imaginative mind the whole glorious contents of the degree to which it belongs.

According to Webster's dictionary, the word "sublime" is of Latin origin, the first syllable "sub" meaning "under" and the second "lime" meaning "lintel" or "sill," thus the full meaning "up to the sill." The sublimest thing a man can do is to go "up to the limit" in fidelity and sacrifice. The coming of peace only accentuates the tremendous proportions of the inestimable debt we owe to those in the fighting services who, whether initiated or uninitiated, were raised to the Third Degree that we might live.

Now let us look for a moment at some of the characteristics of this "Sublime Degree." It teaches us that a man can regard a trust reposed in him so sacred that he will lay down his life rather than be disloyal to it. It demonstrates to what great heights humanity with all its frailty and weakness can reach.

The Craft looks to its sons and trusts them to be faithful to their sacred and solemn obligations. It expects a Mason to regard his trust as sacred and to consider infidelity to it a betrayal. In short, a true Mason is faithful to his ideals, to his home, to his friends, to his employer, to his country and to his God. He will go "up to the limit" in fidelity.

The lesson of fidelity is the primary lesson of this Degree. But there is a second one, of even greater importance. It is that of the consoling doctrine of immortality. Our teaching proceeds onward to convey the sublime thought of a resurrection from the grave and a new birth into a future life. We gaze at the grave and the emblems of mortality, then we lift our eyes to the bright morning star. When a man has yielded to the inexorable fiat of death he shall then be raised from the tomb of corruption to the chambers of hope; from the darkness of death to the celestial beams of light.

Such, we conceive to be the true symbolism of the Sublime Degree of a M.M.

THE APPEAL OF MASONRY

BY W. BRO. L. T. CARMICHAEL

Perhaps never before in the history of our Order have so many men in such a short space of time knocked at the doors of our Temple. This influx is a sure indication that the appeal of Masonry has spread beyond the portals of the Lodge and has infiltrated throughout the community. What is the nature of this appeal which is having such a profound influence? In searching for an answer to this question we offer four ideas which we believe to be the core of the appeal. They refer to Masonic equality, Masonic morality, Masonic charity and Masonic example.

Equality

Freemasonry is alluring not only to the Mason but to the non-mason, because of the way it gathers together men of every type, of varied training and profession, of social status as far asunder as the poles and unites them in a great fraternal fellowship. Men of lowly rank can meet on a common level

with those exalted by official and social dignity. All recognize their brotherhood. Masonry teaches its member to regard men for their moral worth, not for their social distinction; and Brotherly love expresses itself in a firm grip of the hand, a kindly look and an attitude of standing together shoulder to shoulder.

Morality

Masonry is not a religion, but it goes hand in hand with religion. It does not seek to usurp the place of the church. It aims rather to aid and support all the ethical teachings of the church. In Masonry we find no dogmas, no creeds, and yet for each adherent his freedom is circumscribed by the unseen, undefined code of ethics known as morality. At the outset of his Masonic career every Brother is taught that the Bible is the cornerstone of the order and to its sacred pages he is directed to look for instruction and guidance. From these teachings he has worked out the application and exemplification of temperance, prudence, fortitude, justice and charity in the everyday walks of life. He has learned to understand and discharge his duty to God, his country, his neighbor and himself. And from all this he has erected his ideal—to make the world a better, brighter and happier place in which to live.

Charity

The community as a whole knows very little of our commendable efforts in giving aid to those in need or in distress. But a great appeal of Masonry is the fact that our charity is not limited to alms-giving, but is infinitely broader and includes charity of thought and judgment, a kindly disposition and courtesy of manner. It embraces the broader view of exemplifying obligations man owes to man.

Masonic teachings are crystalized into action, which becomes apparent in any Society. It is a common experience for the Brother whose heart overflows with the true Masonic spirit to radiate sunshine and develop an atmosphere of kindness in every circle in which he moves.

Example

"Let yourself and not your words speak for you."

Masonry is popular and respected because Masons unconsciously disclose by their own actions, their philosophy of life. Every member is under a sacred obligation to translate his Masonry into daily life and practice, and this, done wholeheartedly, means advantage to the world in general. He has a definite work to perform in ministering, not only to his own fraternity, but to all his fellowmen who make a reasonable claim on his sympathy and help. If he does not grasp this great central truth he fails in his duty to his fellows, becomes lukewarm and indifferent in regard to his Masonic duties and obligations and invariably ceases his active membership, finally withdrawing from the fraternity. On the other hand the real Mason grasps this central truth and learns that the secret way to happiness is the bestowment of kindly words and deeds. In his private and public life this makes him a better father, a better husband, a better man and a better citizen.

Questions:

1. What is the Masonic meaning of "Relief"?
2. Why is Brotherly Love placed first among the foundation principles of Freemasonry?

THE GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS, 1946

BY R. W. BRO. W. H. MOOR

How many Masons are there in Saskatchewan? In Canada? In the United States? How many were made Masons in Saskatchewan last year? How many Lodges? What new Lodges were instituted? Of any given Lodge, who are the W.M., and the Secretary? Its number on the Grand

Register? The regular meeting night? Who are the officers of Grand Lodge? The D.D.G.M.'s of the District? What rulings were approved at the 1946 Communication? When and where will Grand Lodge meet in 1947?

These are only a few of the questions which may be answered by reference to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge a copy of which has been sent to the Secretary of every Lodge, and which should be accessible to any member on request.

The Board of General Purposes has issued instructions that the address of the M.W., the Grand Master; the report of the D.D.G.M. of the District in which the Lodge is situated; and the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, should be read or reviewed in every Lodge.

A good Mason is an informed Mason and there is a fund of information in the 193 pages of the 1946 Proceedings. There are the Grand Treasurer's statement, and the report of the Finance Committee, covering the general account, the Benevolent Fund, and the various other funds; and the Grand Secretary's report, giving much information, and some idea of the mass of work dealt with by the Grand Lodge office.

A report gives the reason for and the results of the Conference of the four Western Jurisdictions, at Banff; and the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, gives a picture of Masonry in England, and other Grand Jurisdictions.

The twelve prepared papers, printed on pages 126 to 138, are valuable sources for Masonic education. "Superficial knowledge and casual attendance at Lodge will not do," one writer stated. Masonry is needed in this disrupted world, and from a study of the 1946 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Masons may gather information and draw inspiration the better to qualify them to meet the present day emergency.

Questions:

1. What action did Grand Lodge take on the Notice of Motion to amend the mode of electing and appointing the officers of Grand Lodge?
2. What is the purpose or objective of the Annual Conference of the Four Western Grand Lodges?
3. What steps has the Committee on Library taken regarding the development of a Circulating Library?

THE POINT WITHIN THE CIRCLE

By W. BRO. E. W. VAN BLARICOM

A symbol. A symbol behind the symbol. A symbol behind the symbol behind the symbol. That's Freemasonry. Social Intercourse. Elementary Morality. Profound Philosophy. The Eternal Quest.

A symbol. A thing of many meanings. Take the circle. A simple closed figure. A natural image of completeness. Primitive man's expression of the universe. The point within the circle. The sun to the early fireworshippers. Later the eye of the world. The all seeing eye of the Eternal Watcher of the human scene. The circle. Circumambulation around the centre, around the sun, around the sacred fire, around the altar, around the presence of the letter "G."

Our Lodges are opened "on the centre." We are told certain lost secrets may be found "on the centre." We ask "What is the centre?" and we are told "That point within the circle from which every part of circumference is equidistant." Again we try, "Why on the centre?" and back comes the answer "Because that is where a M.M. cannot err." What does it all mean?

Well, here is one explanation or suggestion. Not so long ago it was uncommon to find a craftsman capable of testing the accuracy of his square. It was apparently a jealously guarded trade secret known only to the master craftsman. It was his duty to prove (test) the squares of the craftsmen and it was highly important that in so doing he should not err. An error in the test and in the square would ruin the building and might cost even the life of a workman. How was it done?

Describe a circle. Draw a straight line through the centre touching the circumference at two points. Mark any third point on the circumference. Draw straight lines from the ends of the first line to the marked point on the circumference. There you have a right angle or a square. Always. You can never be certain of forming a right angle without drawing the first line through the centre. If the square were destroyed or the right angle lost the master craftsman could find it only by working on the centre. Relying on that point no M.M. can err from the square. Shall we stop here? No?

Once upon a time . . . Yes, this is going to be a fairy story. But let me remind you that the world's greatest truths have been taught by parables, by fairy stories when recognized as such. Once upon a time a great and wise king decided to erect a noble and stately edifice, a temple in fact. Another king promised to help him with men and material, while to draw the design, to make the plans and have charge of the construction was the most skilful artificer of all time. The temple seemed certain to be a thing of beauty, perfect in all its parts. But in the course of the work an evil conspiracy arose resulting in the destruction of that artificer and the loss of the Master Plan. Today that temple is still incomplete, still imperfect. And so it will remain until time and circumstances have restored to us the lost secrets of the Great Design.

We know the circle. We know the Point within the Circle. We know how to replace the destroyed Square and the lost Right Angle. But how are we to know the secrets of that Master Plan, the Great Design? Such is our daily Quest. To a few not a hopeless task. To all others a profound secret. To all of us a clue has been given. The secrets were buried with the artificer. And where was he buried? With that question I will leave you. I said at the beginning there are symbols behind symbols behind symbols in our ancient and beloved fraternity.

Sources and Suggested Reading:

The Meaning of Masonry (Wilmshurst); Speculative Masonry (MacBride); Introduction to Freemasonry (Claudy); The Builders (Newton).

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How would you prove a square? 2. Have a P.M. describe slowly the place of burial. Discuss. 3. The Christian statement: "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." 4. Is Masonry a secret society? Why? 5. "Deity is as a circle whose centre is everywhere." 6. Of what is the temple symbolic? The unfinished temple?

THE MASONIC CONCEPTION OF EDUCATION

By W. BRO. J. E. CAMPBELL

When Freemasonry came into existence there were no great public institutions of learning. There were a few seminaries where men might receive education for the priesthood and a few lay organizations which dispensed to the sons of the ruling classes and the rich, the rudiments of knowledge. There were no daily papers, no periodicals, no public libraries.

But there was such a thing as education, often of a high type, for the Mediaevalists gave us the greatest architecture that has ever been known,

some of the greatest pictures and most wonderful sculpture. These gifts did not come from ignorant people. These achievements required a trained intelligence, a devoted and fruitful genius, which can come only from that discipline we know as "education."

If there were no schools whence came such training? The answer is found in the system of apprenticeship in universal use in early times. Instead of going into a public school the youth went into a guild, which was really a primitive vocational school. The Mediaeval architect entrusted with the work on a huge cathedral had to have skilled workmen. Youths had to be trained to read plans and to solve geometrical problems as well as to carve stone or to round an arch. The processes were secret and the youths were bound to secrecy. They had to be trained in the difficult art of fine building. Because of this necessity, the trade organizations grew into a lodge in which members were bound together solemnly and local groups were obliged to affiliate themselves together into a wider brotherhood.

When the old Operative Craft was absorbed into the Speculative institution, the young men who found their way into the transformed Masonry had no education at all. William Preston, one of the major prophets of the new day, said: "While we are making Masons of these youths let us at the same time give them the rudiments of knowledge." So he worked out an elaborate system of lectures on all the branches of learning. The Second Degree is a memorial of that noble endeavor. The object of this degree is education. "Light, "More Light," and "Enlightenment" are the stepping stones to perfection. There seems to be no doubt at all that the early pillars of Masonry made an honest attempt to "enlighten" the Brethren. The expression—"the mysteries of nature and science"—covers all or nearly all of the essential parts of knowledge, truth, the functions of citizenship and the pursuit of happiness.

As Masons of old stressed the value of education in its broadest sense so we today as individuals appraise carefully every effort or enterprise to train the masses for the business of living. After all, education is a social thing. It prepares a man to live with his fellows, to work with them, and for them, and to live at peace with all men.

Reference—The Great Teachings of Masonry, by Haywood.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Has the Grand Lodge of England made provision for the education of the children of disabled or deceased Masons?
2. Are there any Masonic schools in any of the Grand Jurisdictions of the U.S.A. ?
3. When was the Masonic Scholarship Fund of the Grand Lodge of Sask. established ?
 What was its object ?
 What were the regulations governing the scholarship awards ?
 Is this project still in operation ?
 (Refer to Proceedings 1922-3).
4. What are the aims of the Grand Master's Committee on Freemasonry and Youth ?
 (Refer to Proceedings 1944-5-6).

BENEVOLENT FUND NIGHT

The primary purposes of this annual paper on Benevolence are to:

1. Inform the Lodges of the administration of the G.L.B. Fund.
2. Stimulate interest in the Fund.
3. Encourage the practice, along similar lines, of Charity (a) by the Lodges and (b) by the Brethren individually.

1. The first objective is best accomplished by reviewing the reports in the proceedings. These, if summarized by a Brother, will disclose much of interest and furnish material for discussion and suggestion.

2. The second objective will be attained as the Brethren become more familiar with the detail of this great work which is going on steadily and unostentatiously. With this knowledge will be developed proper pride in the achievement, so that when anyone says—"What is Masonry doing?" the answer will come, promptly and authoritatively—"Masonry is demonstrating daily the practice of Charity in accordance with her fundamental tenets and the Christian ethic." Of the fruits will be more frequent voluntary contributions by Lodges and bequests by Brethren to the Fund.

3. The third objective will be achieved:

(a) When the Lodges recognize the well-established principles upon which our benevolence is dispensed viz:

I. That the object should be purely Masonic.

II. That the benefit should go directly to the ultimate beneficiary.

This is in accord with approved ruling No. 41. It is founded on good sense. Numerous organizations are constantly formed for the express purpose of assisting some, more or less, worthwhile cause. They are often poorly managed, occasionally wasteful and sometimes fraudulent. What good service is ultimately rendered by Masonic bodies, with well established practices, tried and proven over long years, diverting funds to other organizations to be administered by them?

If Lodges will continue to be guided strictly by approved ruling 41 they will avoid embarrassing situations and be not limited in assisting their Brethren when the need arises.

(b) The ultimate goal of Masonry is the improvement of the individual. Of the cardinal virtues Charity "comprehends the whole." It is the "desire and readiness to do good to all men." Whatever fosters its growth in the individual is therefore essentially Masonic. The Mason's code for its practice is summarized in 5 Ps of F. Great philanthropies managed as organized business and socialized services controlled by governmental agencies threaten to dry up the springs of individual goodwill. The work of Masonry is to counteract this influence by constantly reminding the Brethren of the lesson of the N.E. corner.

In the parable of the "Last Judgment" the test of the Good Life and the basis of reward was the ministrations to the hungry, thirsty, naked, forlorn and imprisoned, freely and unselfishly given by man to his fellowman. This parable is immediately followed by that of the "Unprofitable Servant." Had he, in his Master's name, expended the talent entrusted to him in the relief of suffering humanity one wonders what the judgment would have been in his case!

"The hope for a world in distress is Brotherhood."

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THE DEVOTIONAL ASPECT OF MASONRY

By R. W. BRO. A. W. INGRAM

The Mason's "Amen"—"So mote it be," is his outward assent to the utterances of piety and devotion that are contained in the work. The extent to which these words are the expression of the understanding mind and assenting heart will largely determine the true character of the Mason.

Whether he wills it or no, Masonry is permeated with religious phrases and Biblical references. The V.S.L., the prayers, the constant reference to the Almighty are intended to foster the devotional spirit. True, these are the outward form, and it remains for the individual Mason to accept or reject the devotional aspect. Two Masons may stand in Lodge side by side, with equal correctness of deportment and repeat or listen to the same portions of our work, but, when tested by the spirit of devotion, they may be sundered far apart.

What is devotion? In prayer, it is expressed by the spirit of reverence, dependence and love which we hold in our heart toward God. In the reading of the V.S.L., it is the discovery that it is the Living Word of God, and that it has revealed truth for all ages and to our own hearts. It is something very deep and inward, but it is nevertheless something that finds its fullest expression in the practice of every moral and social virtue toward our fellow man. "By their fruits, ye shall know them."

If he can but see it, the candidate is taught from his first entrance into the Lodge the spirit of humility and reverence to God, and is enjoined to devote part of each day to prayer. He literally comes into Masonry on his knees. The gift of material light is but a symbol of the True Light which lighteth every man coming into this world, which shines from the holy page, and which will be to those who trust its precepts an unfailing guide through this mortal life.

Each degree begins with prayer. As he kneels in darkness, words of prayer ring in his ears. It is a prayer for aid and wisdom. It is an act of dedication to the service of God. Again in the Second Degree he hears the prayer that the work begun in the name of God should, through obedience, be continued and established. When he is about to enter upon that last and greatest trail, he remembers that a Brother has prayed that he may have fortitude, and in the hour of trial fail not, and that even in the valley of the shadow of death, he may know that God is with him.

This is true also in the opening and closing of Lodge. The fact that no Lodge is ever opened or closed without prayer, and that the V.S.L. lies open on the Altar should remind the Mason of his dependence from beginning to end not only in Lodge but even more so in Life, both on prayer and the study of His Word. Sanctified by Divine grace, strengthened by Divine power and enriched by Divine knowledge, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness to the honor and glory of His Holy Name.

Literally, to "devote" is to "set aside," and devotion is the setting aside or apart of our lives for the service of God and humanity. Masonry holds before us high ideals and lofty visions, but these are but a mocking mirage unless we have discovered the true source of strength and guidance and inspiration. That source is God, and we have caught the aspect of devotion when we see beneath the outward to the secret beneath. The devotional aspect of Masonry is the secret of its strength. Without it, it is merely an outward show; with it, it has infinite possibilities of blessing for ourselves and others. There are no limits with God.

Reference, "The Lure of Freemasonry," by Johnson—Chapter on "The Devotional Aspect of Masonry."

THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY

By W. BROTHER F. H. AULD

"Thou shalt not," says the Jewish law, "remove thy neighbor's landmark which they of old time have set in thy inheritance." It is an offence today to destroy the landmarks or mounds which surveyors have set up in our own province as permanent indicators of land divisions.

Current Masonic literature contains many references to "landmarks." In one of the Masonic charges the candidate is told that "the ancient landmarks of the Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable." How is he to recognize these landmarks? Fortunately, this subject has been studied by many learned Masons who have made important contributions to our knowledge of it.

In "The Landmarks of Freemasonry," by Silas H. Shepherd, is quoted the following definition from Past Grand Master Drummond of Mississippi:

"A Landmark is a law or custom of the Fraternity, that has existed from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. All we can know is that it is a law or custom that has existed from time immemorial. We may be making Landmarks now; if any unusual usage exists that has existed so long that its origin is unknown, it is a Landmark. It has been said that the Landmarks are the unwritten law of Masonry; but this is not correct; for Landmarks have been found in the ancient charges."

In the Preface to his work above quoted, Shepherd writes:

"The prevailing idea of the Ancient Landmarks is that they are those time-honored and universal customs of Freemasonry which have been the fundamental laws of the Fraternity from a period so remote that their origin cannot be traced, and so essential that they cannot be modified or amended without changing the character of the Fraternity."

The Grand Lodge of England, the first to be formed anywhere, has never attempted to define or enumerate the Landmarks; but it did in 1723 approve Anderson's "Book of Constitution" which contains "The Charges of a Freemason," recognized by many Grand Lodges as containing the Ancient Landmarks.

Mackey in his Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry gives twenty-five Landmarks, and these were accepted by nine Grand Lodges. Several Grand Lodges adopted lists of their own, while others hold that the Landmarks are found in the old "Charges of a Freemason."

The transition of Freemasonry from the Guild masons to the form which we know today was of the greatest importance, and we are much indebted to Dr. James Anderson, Dr. John T. Desaguliers and others for their work in reinterpreting the former language of operative Masonry to give it new moral and ethical meaning. They do not appear, however, to have been concerned with the enumeration of the Landmarks.

Since then, however, there have been many eminent Masonic scholars who have contributed to our understanding of what the Landmarks of Masonry are, and a number of them do not agree with Dr. Mackey. For instance Dr. Roscoe Pound in his "Lectures on Masonic Jurisprudence" divides Masonic law into three component parts, viz. (1) The Landmarks. (2) The Masonic common law. (3) Masonic legislation.

He writes:

"Pre-supposing this three-fold division, we have first the landmarks, a small not clearly defined body of fundamentals which are beyond reach of change . . . Second, we have Masonic common law—the body of tradition and doctrine, which falling short of the author-

ity and sanctity of the landmarks, nevertheless is of such long standing, and so universal, and so well attested that we should hesitate to depart from it . . ."

He finds many of Mackey's Landmarks to be Masonic common law.

The following are the Landmarks which Brother Pound concludes are to be recognized.

1. Belief in God. 2. Belief in the persistence of Personality. 3. A "book of law" as an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge. 4. The Legend of the third degree. 5. Secrecy. 6. The symbolism of the operative art. 7. That a Mason must be a man—free born, and of age.

(Students of this subject would do well to read the publications referred to in the foregoing notes.)

THE MASONIC TEMPLE AND ITS ARCHITECTURE

By W. BRO. J. H. MORROW

From time immemorial, man has been a builder. There are outstanding examples throughout the early Bible centuries—Cain, the City Builder; Nimrod, the Tower Builder; David, the Palace Builder; Solomon, the Temple Builder; Absalom, the Monument Builder; and Nehemiah, the Wall Builder. But, man's greatest building is his own life, his greatest monument is his own character. Says St. Paul, "Know ye not that ye are temples of the Most High; and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

The bigness of the task challenges us from the start. Masons in our teaching we are indebted to the past wise builders. For this building idea is imbedded in our order, written in our rituals, seen in our symbols. Our very name, Masons, indicates the Craft that superintended building when the material was stone. The founders of our Order built supely, wisely and felicitously when they used the Temple as a basis for its symbolism.

The Temple was originally a lowly, small structure designed to contain something holy. Evolving through various stages—a home for the sacred treasures, a place for the High Priest to offer up sacrifices—it has come to be a building for the congregation of worshippers. As it increased in size, it became necessary to use columns to support the roof which the walls could not do. These columns are of special interest to Masons as it is they which illustrate the five noble orders of architecture mentioned in the lectures of the Wardens. They must not be confused with the columns or brazen pillars, which stood at the porchway or entrance to the Temple of Jerusalem. These did not suport or form part of the building. They reminded the people of Israel of the miraculous pillars of fire and cloud and represented the heavens and the earth, light and darkness, life and death. The terrestrial and celestial globes superimposed on the pillars are in keeping with the original conception of the union of the heavens and of the earth; of the human and the divine. These pillars fascinated the father of Kim in Kipling's book "Kim" for his little son recalled his father's prophecy that "Kim's horn would be exalted between pillars of great strength and beauty."

Of the columns which are used for support, all but one order, the Tuscan which is Roman in origin, are of Hellenic or Greek invention. So popular are these orders in their artistry that after 2,000 years they are used not only in Masonic ritualism but in many of our civic buildings. The chief differences in these orders are to be found in the capitals which top the column and also in the size of the shaft of the column. The Doric column is plain but substantial and represents strength. The Doric order is used in the Parthenon at Athens, considered the most beautiful building in the world. The

pedestal placed before the S.W. in the Lodge Room is Doric, doubtless to symbolize the support given by the S.W. to the W.M. in his ruling of the Lodge.

The Ionic Order is usually judged to be the most graceful and most beautiful in its simplicity. The capital of this is the scroll. It symbolizes wisdom. Thus, the Ionic pedestal is to be found before the W.M. whose wisdom is to rule and direct the Lodge and instruct the brethren in Masonry.

The capital of the column which represents the Corinthian Order is formed of acanthus leaves. This order symbolizes beauty, the beauty of character which designates the J.W. as a fit object of esteem for training in the strength of the S.W. and the wisdom of the W.M.

The fifth order not displayed in the Lodge Room but mentioned in the S.W. lecture is the Composite. As its name implies, it is a mixture of the others with much of the Corinthian predominating. The pedestals being of the same size, do not show the difference in the slenderness of the shafts which actually existed between them. These columns were carved after being erected. Huge rough cut blocks were placed on one another with great precision and held in place by wooden pegs fitted into spare openings in the centres of each block. The fluting on the shafts was then carved as were the capitals of the various orders. Meticulous care and skill must have been used as a mistake in carving could not have been remedied. What a lesson for speculative Masons to follow in the building of character!

WHY ARE FOUR TASSELS USED IN THE LODGE ROOM ?

By V W. BRO. A. H. PULLINGER

A superficial answer to this question would obviously be the description as given in the J.W.'s lecture, "Pendent to the four corners of the Lodge are four tassels which represent the four cardinal virtues;" but this is only a statement of fact and does not explain anything. For reasons "why" we must go outside our work.

It would seem that many objects could be used as symbols of the four cardinal virtues. Why then do we use "tassels?" The dictionary definition of the word tassel is given as "a sort of pendent ornament of threads of silk, wool or the like, which hang down as a thick fringe, usually attached to a cord." In this connection it is interesting to note that the original English, French and German tracing boards, all displayed a cord attached to the tassels. This cord was shown as being composed of white and black strands intermingled, probably representative of day and night, and were depicted as surrounding the tracing board in a wavy line. This cord was tied with true love knots at the corners above each tassel. In some early rituals this cord was known as "the cord of strong threads."

At first sight it would appear that the number of tassels was restricted by the fact that there are only four corners to a square or the upper plane of a parallelopipedon, which is only a 364.00 word for an oblong figure having length, breadth and height. But it would be possible to have any number of tassels placed at intervals along the ceiling of a parallelopipedon. However there are only four tassels. Why only four? The number four was considered a sacred number by many ancient peoples. In the Pythagorean System four was known as the perfect or sacred number; the ancient Syrians called their god Adad; the Egyptians, Amum; the Greeks, Deus; all four letter names.

The ancient Hebrews had a four letter word (in the original Hebrew writing), called the Tetragrammaton; this name was considered so sacred that it was forbidden for a Jew to pronounce it. It is called the Ineffable or Unpronounceable name.

Why four cardinal virtues? As another proof of the ancient origin of Masonry we find that the four cardinal virtues were symbolized in many ancient religions and semi-religious orders by anatomical regions of the human body just as are the signs of the zodiac, pictures of which we have all seen in almanacs. The throat, representing Temperance, (temperance in speech, eating and drinking), the chest indicating Fortitude (representing a strong heart and strong will), the hands, Prudence (illustrated by the old saying "Let not thy right hand know what the left hand doeth"), and the feet, Justice, (or a strong foundation). These four cardinal virtues are all that are necessary for exemplary human relationships.

The cord surrounding the tracing board and connecting the four tassels was obviously intended to impress upon the candidate that the Lodge members surrounded and protected him while he remained within the teachings of Masonry. This cord has now disappeared from our tracing boards and Dr. Oliver, who has been called the father of Masonic research, suggested that it has been replaced by the "indented skirting that surrounds the pavement" with the implication that the skirting is part of the pavement. Dr. Oliver gives his opinion that this is a confusion brought about by the similarity of the words "tassel" and "tessel," this latter word meaning a small stone as indicated by the term tessellated or mosaic pavement, a pavement of small stones. If this idea is correct it would appear that the indented skirting is really a diagrammatic or conventionalized form of the wavy cord. The famous Masonic writer, Albert G. Mackey, concurs in this idea.

From the foregoing it would seem that the tassels not only represent the four cardinal virtues but are also a constant reminder of the sacred nature of the teachings of our order and that all who are admitted to membership as Masons are bound together with the strong cord of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

In perusing the Proceedings of the various Jurisdictions, one is struck by the fact that practically every Grand Master expressed the opinion that it was a time for thanksgiving because of the end of the War and the Victory which had come to the Allied arms. The exultation, however, which is expressed because of victory is tempered by the problems of reconstruction and peace which lie ahead, and by the thought that a shattered society in many lands must be re-established and orderly government restored. It may take years to repair the physical damage; but that is perhaps not the most serious problem, for it may take generations to repair the worst of the moral and spiritual damage. Cities must be rebuilt, trade re-established, hungry peoples fed and friendship among the nations maintained. In order to establish peace throughout the world and maintain it, men must have confidence in the honesty of their fellow men and treaties must be respected by all the nations.

During the war years practically every Jurisdiction established funds, usually on a voluntary basis, to help the men and their dependents who suffered by reason of the war and this in addition to carrying on their usual charitable work. Most Jurisdictions also looked forward to the post-war problems which would arise when brethren returned from service. Funds were accumulated by voluntary contributions and in some cases by assessment to meet the needs of unfortunate sufferers and their dependents. The efforts made to render service during the War and the preparations to meet after war problems reflect great credit upon the Fraternity.

Commencing in the year 1943, most of the Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada reported gains in membership after experiencing a period of ten years when losses were usually reported. For the last three years every Grand Lodge in both countries has increased in number of members; some have had very substantial increases and in some cases a peak in membership has been reached. There is concern expressed over the large number of applications and attention is frequently called to the "boom" after the first world war and the heavy decline which followed, commencing in the year 1929. There is a fear that history may be repeated and emphasis is placed by many Grand Masters on the importance of instructing new members after they have received their degrees and on the need of maintaining contact with them. Some writers are critical of the many dispensations which have been granted to confer degrees out of time in order to hurry candidates through. This haste it is said means lack of proper instruction and results in candidates receiving degrees and having no appreciation of them. Moreover, the haste has made it impossible for investigating committees to do their work properly; many lodges have had too much work to do and this has meant long meetings which are not conducive to attendance or interest and once interest is lost it is not easily regained. It is generally agreed that an unusual and unnatural growth in membership is not desirable but so long as there are many applicants the problem will continue and will place on all lodges the responsibility of seeing that candidates are properly instructed, that the degrees are conferred in orderly fashion without haste and without dispensations and that efforts to interest new members do not cease immediately the degrees are completed.

The subject of physical qualifications continues a matter of discussion, no doubt due to the fact that many veterans have returned suffering from the effects of war. There is a natural desire to admit men who have been maimed as the result of war service. Some Grand Lodges adhere to the view that the

doctrine of physical perfection is a Landmark and cannot be modified or changed. The majority, however, do not agree with the view of Dr. Mackey that the doctrine is a Landmark but hold that it is a subject for legislation by each Grand Lodge, and that so long as a candidate can conform with the ceremonies, provided he is otherwise acceptable, the fact that he is maimed should not be a barrier. In some Grand Lodges the decision is for the Master of the Lodge, and in others a subject for dispensation by the Grand Master. The most interesting argument on the subject occurred in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The constitution of that Grand Lodge provided that "No Lodge shall accept the petition of any candidate whose physical defects are such as either to prevent him from being properly instructed or from conforming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees". A resolution had been regularly introduced to add a proviso which would give the Grand Master power to waive a physical defect where the injury received was in line of duty in the Armed Forces and where the applicant could for all practical purposes comply with the requirements of the several degrees. For the adoption of the amendment a two-thirds vote was required under the terms of the constitution. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely to the amendment, chiefly on the ground that it violated a Landmark. In his address the Grand Master favoured the amendment arguing that the doctrine of physical perfection was not a Landmark and that Dr. Mackey's opinion constituted an innovation on the body of speculative Masonry "as announced in the Ancient Charges of 1722 by the founders of Grand Lodge Masonry". He expressed the opinion that the amendment was not an innovation but was merely carrying out what had been practised in England under the ancient constitutions since 1722 and what was now the practice in 29 Jurisdictions in the United States. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, adhered to their report, contending that the amendment violated a Landmark, that it was too uncertain as to disabilities which could be waived, and that it established a privileged class, and that if any change were made it should be broad enough to cover any injured man. On a vote being taken the amendment was defeated, having failed by a small margin to obtain the necessary two-thirds of the votes cast. As before intimated, the majority of Grand Lodges are placing a more liberal construction on the doctrine of physical perfection and are of the opinion that the rule arose in the days of Operative Masonry when it was necessary to carefully consider the physical qualifications of the operatives; but in speculative Masonry the need for physical perfection does not exist and it is the internal rather than the external qualifications of a candidate which must be considered.

In the review last year we mentioned the fact that the Masonic Service Association of the United States sent a Committee of leading Masons to Europe to ascertain conditions there with the object of finding out whether American Masonry could be of assistance in re-establishing the Institution in the countries where it had been suppressed or for other reasons had ceased to exist. The report of the Committee contains much valuable information as to the effect of the war upon Masonry. In Great Britain the damage in London, Coventry and other cities was very great; in some cases meeting places were destroyed but the Grand Lodge headquarters in London were spared and were used as a shelter during the "blitz" accommodating 1,000 or more persons every night. In France the National Grand Lodge, which is recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and by several Grand Lodges in America, will probably be assisted in restoration by the Grand Lodge of England. In Belgium the temples in practically every city were destroyed; Belgian Masonry, however, will rebuild, but large sums of money will be required. In Holland the damage was very great, buildings were destroyed and property, money and equipment confiscated. The Masonic Historical Library which was presented to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands by

Prince Frederick in 1845 was carried away and is believed to be somewhere in Frankfort, Germany. In Poland, Portugal, Roumania and Spain Masonry has ceased to exist. No information is available in regard to Russia or Yugoslavia. In Italy twenty years ago there were two Grand Lodges of which the Grand Orient had secured some recognition among English-speaking Grand Lodges. This body is effecting re-organization and the Committee has a conference with some of the members. In Czechoslovakia the future is doubtful. It is probable, however, that the National Grand Lodge will be revived but the German Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings will probably not be re-established. Greece was found by the Committee to be a greatly devastated country. In the City of Athens there are many thousands of refugees who have gone there looking for food and shelter; the Masonic Temple is a refugee shelter where many are living. Some re-organization is taking place but recovery will be slow. Sweden, not having been in the war, did not suffer but the Masons there engaged in the benevolent task of assisting refugees from Denmark, Finland, and Norway. There has been activity in Denmark despite the invasion and there is the interesting fact that St. John's Lodge at Copenhagen is celebrating its 200th Anniversary. In Norway there was great suffering during the occupation but as soon as the war ended re-organization began. The Committee visited practically every devastated country and upon its return suggested that the Masons of the United States raise the sum of \$150,000 to aid in restoration and place the amount in the hands of a commission to be allotted to the various countries as the need arises. Here it is interesting to relate that the Grand Lodge of New York voted the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose, considering that this was its share because it has about one-tenth of the Masonic population of the United States.

In addition to the matter of material and financial assistance, there is also the question of recognition of the various bodies in Europe as restoration takes place. As to this, the general opinion is that in most cases it will be the part of wisdom to delay action until the years have clarified the situation.

A most interesting subject was discussed by M.W. Bro. Fred W. Hartman, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in a paper prepared by him for the Conference of Grand Masters. The subject was "Clandestine Masonry, is it a Menace, and if so what should be done about it?" In preparing the address, M.W. Bro. Hartman communicated with every Jurisdiction in the United States and Canada and ascertained that in the 57 Jurisdictions there were only 4 which reported White Clandestine Freemasonry. 38, however, reported Prince Hall (coloured) Freemasonry in operation and each of these reported that there had been no conflict and that it was doing much good among the Negro race.

Concerning Prince Hall Freemasonry, M.W. Bro. Hartman states that its origin is legitimate but it is considered clandestine because two Grand Lodges cannot exist in the same State. There has, however, been no attempt to outlaw the Negro Lodges and M.W. Bro. Hartman is of the opinion that the Prince Hall Masons should be aided with counsel and advice as the organization can do much to help in the education of the Negro. It may take years to break down racial intolerance, but from comments made by Grand Masters who have referred to the subject, there seems to be agreement that an effort should be made to help the Negro organization in building a better citizenship and this without inviting direct contact through inter-visitation. As yet there have been few references to the opinions expressed by the Grand Master of Oregon and future reaction will be watched with interest.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MARTIN,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

126th Annual Communication at Montgomery, November 19th and 20th, 1946. Grand Master J. M. Jones. Lodges 410. Members 50,231. Gain 5,238. All the officers attended and Five Past Grand Masters were present. 297 lodges were represented. 44 sister jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Master welcomed the representatives and asked them to extend greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to their respective jurisdictions. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Florida and Texas.

In his address the Grand Master said that the end of an era had come, that the greatest of all wars had ended, the second world war in a generation; that many lives had been sacrificed in order to once again establish the value and dignity of the individual; that it was a sad commentary on the advance of civilization for thousands of years during which art, science, literature, invention and social happiness had reached heights looked upon as a dream centuries ago; the world now knows that an individual or a nation may attain high technical skill and intellectual efficiency and yet remain unprincipled and morally without character. The great cry of the day is to find a way for men to live together in peace, to gain happiness, to learn justice and to organize themselves into a great human family.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges, his object being to visit those which he did not visit in the preceding year. He visited a number of small lodges which had never had a visit from a Grand Master.

The Grand Master issued a number of dispensations to confer degrees on maimed candidates upon receiving sufficient information from the lodge in each case as to the candidate's eligibility and the assurance that the candidate would not likely become a charge upon the lodge.

The assets, including the Masonic Home, which is valued at \$363,000, are valued at \$941,000. There is an Endowment Fund for the Home of about \$100,000.

The Committee on Grievances reported an instance of a letter written by members on behalf of one who was proposed as a prospective officer. The Committee stated that the action was not in the interests of the Fraternity nor of the member proposed for office, and further that the letter bordered on un-Masonic conduct.

There is no published review of correspondence.

ALBERTA

41st Annual Communication at Edmonton, June 12th and 13th, 1946. Grand Master Rev. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams. Lodges 153. Members 12,226. Gain 702. All the officers were present and 14 Past Grand Masters were in attendance. 46 sister jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. W. J. Botterill. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Canada in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. 125 constituent lodges were represented. After the opening ceremony the brethren attended a service of Thanksgiving in All Saints' Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign, the Bishop of Athabasca.

In commenting upon the increase in membership the Grand Master referred to the many candidates of 50 to 60 years of age and expressed the opinion that many of them might not have been able till now to make application.

The Grand Master convened an Occasional Lodge on the evening previous to the opening for the purpose of conferring the three Degrees on the Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot, the Anglican Bishop of Edmonton. In his address the Grand Master stated that it would always be a pleasure to him that he was able to exercise his prerogative to confer these degrees.

In referring to the close of the war the Grand Master said that nearly a year had gone since the last enemy was crushed but yet it is not possible to say that there is peace; the international outlook is still far from clear and there is much distress among the nations. The discovery of the atomic bomb must teach people as never before, that war is a wicked business, and people must realize that unless man learns to control and use for constructive purposes the powers which God enables him to discover, it is the end of civilization.

At the District meetings the Grand Master made a special appeal for the provision of a home for the aged. The district meetings with one exception pledged their support. Subsequently, however, the Grand Master met with prominent members in Edmonton and Calgary and as a result of these meetings, and particularly because of information received from a government official as to legislation contemplated for social security, he concluded that no harm could result from a little delay. He is, however, of the opinion that some action will be required in the future.

The Grand Master visited Yellowknife in the North West Territories, more than a thousand miles from the Grand Lodge office, and constituted a lodge there for 29 members present. He attended the Conference of Western Jurisdictions at Banff, and in reporting stated there were 23 present and that the value of the Conference, particularly to Western Masonry, was impressed upon him. He thinks that the minutes of the Conference should be printed and circulated so that every member may have the benefit of reading some of the best discussions on Masonic matters.

No effort was made during the year to increase the War Distress Fund, but a substantial sum was contributed voluntarily. The sum of \$5,000 was sent to the Grand Lodge of England for the assistance of children orphaned by the war and a further gift of \$10,000 was made to be expended for distress in England at the discretion of the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England. The sum of £100 was sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the sum of \$100 was disbursed for relief in the Philippines.

The Review of Correspondence was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey. In presenting the report the Chairman acknowledged the valuable assistance rendered by a number of the brethren in preparing the reviews. The statement is made that the keynote of many of the proceedings is the relationship of Freemasonry with the return of men from active service; reference is also made to the war services rendered by many jurisdictions. There is also a statement as to the findings of the Committee sent by the Masonic Service Association of the United States to investigate Masonic Conditions in Europe. The Saskatchewan proceedings are very kindly reviewed. The initials attached to the review are "S.H." which means that M.W. Bro. Samuel Harris, who was initiated in Wascana Lodge in the City of Regina, prepared the review. If memory is not faulty, the initiation occurred in 1906 and the writer had some part in the ceremony.

ARIZONA

64th Annual Communication at Tucson. Lodges 40. Members 6884. Gain 514. All Grand Lodge officers were present and all but two lodges were represented. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and California. A reception was accorded to the Past Grand Masters of whom 18 were present. The representatives of 50 jurisdictions were in attendance, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. J. K. Chilton.

In his address the Grand Master said that the year had been one of the most eventful and momentous years in the history of man; the world is feeling

the impact of changing times; nothing in the world remains stable but fundamental truths and the cornerstone of Anglo-American civilization is the concept of God and man's relationship to Him as expressed in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He spoke of the "various types of totalitarianism which arise about us," and said that they should "leave us standing more firmly upon the rock of freedom and equality."

The Grand Master said that the year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of Grand Lodge; the increase in membership had been remarkable. He predicted that the trend would continue for some years but having experienced the great loss in members which took place after the last war he uttered a word of caution as to the large increases and made it clear that candidates should be well instructed and learn the teachings and philosophy of the order.

Three Special Communications were held during the year for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. T. R. White, Grand Master in 1941, M.W. Bro. A. A. Betts, Grand Master in 1930, and M.W. Bro. Q. J. Anderson, Grand Master in 1938.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges but one and on his visits stressed the obligation of the Armed Services Committees in the lodges to contact and render service to members of the forces and their families. These committees had been set up as the result of a letter sent to the lodges by the Grand Master early in 1945.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Potosi (Mexico) and the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon (Mexico).

M.W. Bro. L. C. Henning, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reported that the Committee had secured the services of Bro. F. C. Huskison to review the proceedings of other Grand Lodges. Bro. Huskison prepared 32 reviews and it was decided to have them printed in the proceedings, the Committee being of the opinion that the time had come when the reviews should be printed. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed.

CALIFORNIA

97th Annual Communication at San Francisco, October 14th to 18th, 1946. Grand Master Arthur W. Brouillet. Lodges 587. Members 161,752. Gain 11,384. All the officers attended and 20 Past Grand Masters were present. 547 lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, New Jersey, the Philippine Islands and the National Grand Lodge of Denmark.

This Grand Lodge has total investments of \$2,540,000 yielding an interest return of \$59,725. By a conversion of the securities and a purchase of others the interest yield was increased from \$51,528. The Grand Secretary reported the formation of four new lodges during the year. In reporting on the membership he presented figures commencing with 1941 which showed the increases during the war. The present membership is the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master stated that the gavel used by him was a gift received by him at Pearl Harbour when he visited the Hawaiian Islands. He also said that it was made of wood taken from the battleship Missouri at a point on the ship approximately where the Japanese delegates signed the surrender documents.

In his address the Grand Master referred to his election as Deputy Grand Master at the last Annual Meeting and to the death two weeks after-

wards of the Grand Master L. C. Kelley. He spoke of the loss caused by the death of the Grand Master and stated that he had already mapped out his itinerary of visitations and the course to be pursued in regard to the various activities. He paid tribute to the work of the Grand Master and later in the proceedings the Committee on Necrology paid a well deserved tribute to the life and activities of the Grand Master both as a Mason and as a citizen.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and delivered an address on the question of relief to the war devastated countries in which he referred particularly to what California had done with respect to the Philippines. In referring to his attendance at the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association he stated that the original intention was to construct a memorial to cost \$100,000 to house the relics of Washington and that in 1922 it was proposed to erect a Memorial to cost \$500,000 and to provide an Endowment Fund of \$200,000. Later in the same year plans were adopted providing for a cost of \$2,100,000. To date the Memorial has cost \$4,500,000 and according to the Grand Master "the end is not yet." He however recommended that California should make up its quota and advised a small assessment to make up the required amount, namely, about \$70,000.

The Grand Master visited the lodges in the Hawaiian Islands and this was the first visit made to the lodges in five (5) years. He reported a strong sentiment for statehood in the not distant future and that the various races were working harmoniously together.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the question of physical qualifications and he advised a relaxation of the strict application of the rule. He spoke of the old York Constitutions made in A.D. 926 as applicable to operative Masons but now that Masonry is a speculative science he is of the opinion that the rule should be modified.

The Trustees of the Masonic Homes at Covina and DeCoto reported a need for repairs and construction and stated that they had set aside the sum of \$200,000 for this purpose. In spite of prosperity and social security legislation the number of residents at the Homes remains about stationary. There were 262 residents in the DeCoto Home and 80 at Covina. The cost of maintaining the two homes was about \$250,000. The par capita annual cost at DeCoto was \$540.00 and at Covina \$1339.00.

The Committee on Correspondence under the Chairmanship of Bro. Henry C. Clausen, presented a review of 50 jurisdictions. In a foreword the general increase in numbers is referred to and a warning uttered as to the future because all the war years have been an incentive for growth. Reference is made to the principle forbidding political discussions but an exception seems to be recognized in regard to Communism as its concepts are contrary to the basic tenets of the Craft. Reference is made to the assistance given the Philippine Islands and to the fact that the greatest problem there is to secure enough funds to assist the 80 lodges to house themselves in adequate, small buildings. The review is topical in character and includes information on Masonic Education, physical qualifications, post-war procedure, the efforts made in many jurisdictions to secure restoration of members, and Masonic History. An address on Masonry in India is quoted in full from the Saskatchewan proceedings of 1945. There is also a kindly reference to the Saskatchewan reviews and to a dispensation granted by the Grand Master to initiate a blind man, and also to his refusal to grant a dispensation for the initiation of a class of more than five (5) candidates.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

91st Annual Communication at Toronto, July 17th and 18th, 1946. Grand Master C. S. Hamilton. Lodges 569. Members 99,509. Gain 3238. All the officers attended and 6 Past Grand Masters were present. 47 jurisdictions were represented. After the opening ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem the Mayor of the City of Toronto extended a civic welcome. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Montana, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

The Past Grand Masters were presented by the Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Lodge, and they were welcomed by him. A letter was read from M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, the dean of Past Grand Masters regretting his inability to be present and a resolution was passed extending to him warmest greetings.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master in 1935 and 1937. A resolution was passed placing on record the deep sense of loss sustained through his death. M.W. Bro. Anderson visited the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan while he was Grand Master of Canada in Ontario.

In welcoming the visitors the Grand Master made special reference to the representatives from sister jurisdictions in Canada stating that it was the largest delegation that he had ever been privileged to receive. The Grand Master stated that the meeting should be one of thanksgiving because of the end of the war but still all was not well with the world; there is much unrest, waves of crime in our own land and distrust among sections of the people; nations distrust each other and the international picture in China, Palestine, India and in Europe is unsettled; there is hunger and want in many countries.

Life membership was referred to by the Grand Master and he spoke of the difficulties which arise from the granting of such memberships too freely. He advised each Lodge to have an adequate schedule of fees based on actuarial computation. In order that the subject should have the attention of all the Lodges he recommended that a sound schedule of fees be printed and distributed.

Three special contributions were made during the year — \$5,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children, £1,000 to Christmas cheer for British Children and \$2,000 to the Cancer Fund.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and they were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario to their respective jurisdictions.

The finances are in excellent condition. The surplus of receipts over expenditure for the year exceeded \$31,000 and cash on hand and securities at par value exceed \$1,000,000. Total grants to Widows, Orphans and Indigent Brethren amounted to \$55,643, and when the amounts granted for special purposes before referred to are added there was expended for charitable purposes a sum exceeding \$68,000. This sum does not include amounts expended by the Lodges to needy members.

M.W. Bro. Herrington, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee. In a foreword, reference is made to the fact that many of the jurisdictions reviewed held meetings under adverse conditions owing to difficulties in transportation and hotel accommodation and the limitations placed on conventions, especially in the United States. It is stated that the dominant note in all addresses of Grand Masters delivered after the surrender of the German armies was one of thanksgiving for victory. The Chairman expresses his thanks to the members of his Committee who rendered such valuable assistance in preparing "nearly all of the following reviews." The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed.

COLORADO

86th Annual Communication at Denver, September 17th and 18th, 1946. Grand Master Frank D. Allen. Lodges 147. Members 34,203. Gain 1971. All the officers attended and 13 Past Grand Masters were present. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters and they were welcomed by the Grand Master. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico and Oklahoma. 53 jurisdictions were represented. The representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado to their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported the meeting instructive, interesting and profitable. 48 of the 49 jurisdictions in the United States were represented. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association and reported that over \$4,000,000 had been expended on the edifice. The Alexandria (Washington) Lodge holds its regular meetings in the Memorial building. The Grand Master presented a cheque on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

The Grand Master issued a request to the lodges to contribute to the Relief Fund for the rehabilitation of Masonry in Europe. As a result nearly \$2,000 was raised. The funds in the hands of the trustees increased from \$451,000 to \$716,000 during the year as the result of a substantial legacy.

M.W. Bro. H. L. Baum presented a brief report on behalf of the Committee on Correspondence. He stated that Masonry had been thriving in the United States with an estimate of 6% increase in membership throughout the country. He made reference to the suppression of Masonry in the countries of Europe and to the indignity and persecution suffered by many of the members. The Committee recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Bolivia, Ecuador, Sao Paulo (Brazil), Rio de Janeiro and Venezuela, stating that all these Grand Lodges are in full compliance with the essential requirements. The report was adopted.

CONNECTICUT

158th Annual Communication at Hartford, February 6th and 7th, 1946. Grand Master H. K. Plumb. Lodges 129. Members 37,857. Gain 1,752. All officers were in attendance and 11 Past Grand Masters were present. There were visitors from the Grand Lodges of Canada in Ontario, Maine, District of Columbia, Delaware, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Virginia and Massachusetts.

The Grand Master, in his address, said that while the termination of the war had caused great rejoicing, there were problems to be faced which might be very difficult of solution. He made reference to "the great flood of applications" and said that many candidates had received hurried degrees, with the result that they knew little of Freemasonry; this created a problem for each lodge and required attention in order to escape troubles which followed the last war.

The Grand Master reported that restrictions on transportation during the early part of the year prevented him making many visits. The "convention ban" caused the elimination of all Grand Lodge sessions during the first three-quarters of the year. He visited the Grand Lodge of Maryland, District of Columbia, New York and Pennsylvania.

A Special Communication was held for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room of Acacia Lodge No. 85. Many dispensations were issued,

the majority of them to confer degrees out of time on members of the armed services; several were granted to permit the conferring of degrees on a number of candidates at the same time.

The Committee on the Masonic Home Endowment Fund reported that the goal of \$1,000,000 set in 1924 had been reached. It was stated, however, that due to the reduced yield on invested funds, the requirements of the Home and outside relief, it would be necessary to continue to build the Fund. The number of residents in the Home on December 31st, 1946, was 325.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. Arthur F. Lewis, Grand Master in 1936. The proceedings contain a memorial to this distinguished brother whose interest in the Masonic Home was outstanding. He served on the Board of Managers from 1907 till his death.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported an application from the Grand Lodge of Haiti, but decided not to recognize this Grand Lodge at the present time. There was also an application from the Grand Lodge of Spain in exile in Mexico, but it was thought best to wait till this Grand Lodge returned to its native Spain. The Committee however recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the Grand Lodge Alpina in Switzerland.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Winthrop Buck. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed. The granting dispensation to a blind man is referred to as "of great interest." There are also references to the cyclone at Kamsack which destroyed the Lodge Hall and to the efforts being made to provide a fund to help members returning from the war.

DELAWARE

140th Annual Communication at Wilmington, October 3rd, 1945. Grand Master W. H. Lewis. Lodges 22. Members 5,527. Gain 241. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge officers and 14 Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of 59 sister jurisdictions were present, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. Arthur H. Morris. 19 constituent lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia.

In his address the Grand Master said that a year ago the nation was fighting on the battlefields in all parts of the world; but today with the enemies defeated the peoples of the world are looking forward to a brighter future and to an enduring peace.

The Grand Master recommended that serious thought be given to the physical requirements of candidates and drew attention to the fact that about 75% of the Grand Lodges in the United States have modified the requirements.

The Masonic Home maintenance cost about \$27,000, which was about \$3,500 less than the income. On August 31st, 1945, there were 32 residents in the Home and the per capita cost was \$847. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Chile, the National Grand Lodge of Colombia, the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, and the Grand Lodge El Potosi (Mexico), stating that these bodies were regular and complied in all respects with the requirements for recognition.

The Review of Proceedings is by Bro. Frank S. Craig. 61 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1944. There are references to the presentation of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes, to the address of the Grand Master, to the Conference of the Officers of the Western Jurisdictions at Banff, and to the question of physical requirements and especially to the action of the Jurisprudence Committee in over-ruling the Grand Master in his refusal to grant a dispensation to a candidate who was blind.

141st Annual Communication at Wilmington, October 2nd, 1946. Grand Master U. W. Long. Lodges 22. Members 5,796. Gain 269. All the officers attended and 15 Past Grand Masters were present. 21 lodges were represented. The representatives of 60 sister jurisdictions were in attendance. The National Flag was presented and the brethren joined in the pledge of allegiance. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia. The Past Grand Masters were presented and welcomed by the Grand Master. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and those present received a warm welcome from the Grand Master.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and stated that his experience in so doing was a most interesting and enjoyable one. He found interest in the lodges well sustained and attendance good. He referred to the increase of 269 in the membership as gratifying and as indicating a busy year. He visited several Grand Lodges in neighboring states. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association when he presented a substantial cheque bringing the total subscribed for the purpose to \$16,000.

During the year a special effort was made to raise funds for the Masonic Home and as a result a sum exceeding \$22,500 was obtained. The amount available for the maintenance of the Masonic Home for the year was about \$47,000 and the expenditure about \$29,000. The number of residents in the Home was 32 and the average cost per resident was \$900.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the recommendation was adopted. The Committee also reported applications for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Sao Paulo and Ceara in Brazil, and the Grand Lodge of Venezuela. As to these they stated that sufficient information was not available.

A Special Committee appointed to report on the subject of physical qualifications recommended a modification of the resolution passed in 1865. The report was adopted with the result that the practice will be liberalized.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Frank S. Craig. In a brief foreword reference is made to the contributions made to homes, schools and hospitals and to the assistance extended by many Grand Lodges for relief in the Philippines. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed with references to the Flag of the United States presented to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Montana, to the cyclone which destroyed the Masonic Home at Kamsack, and to the Fund raised for its restoration.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

135th Annual Communication at Washington, December 19th, 1945. Grand Master P. R. Mattix. Lodges 47. Members 21,571. Gain 884. A Stated Communication was held on May 9th, 1945, with a full attendance of officers and with all lodges represented. The Grand Master reported a

contribution to The Philippine Relief Fund and asked for approval of his action which was given on motion.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on certain proposed amendments to the Constitution which would have the effect of liberalising the existing regulations as to physical requirements. They recommended that the amendments be not adopted on the ground that the requirement as to physical perfection was a Landmark and therefore could not be changed. The report, however, was not adopted and the amendments were considered and carried by a majority but failed to receive the necessary two-thirds of the vote and were therefore lost.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence gave serious consideration to the subject of the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges and recommended that as a temporary policy no applications for recognition should be considered until world conditions become more stable, and that until further action is taken the Grand Secretary be directed to return any applications received and advise the applicants of the temporary policy decided upon.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. H. G. Kimball, Grand Master in 1932-33. The proceedings contain a memorial to the services rendered by this distinguished brother both as a Mason and as a citizen.

There was a full attendance of officers at the Annual Communication and ten Past Grand Masters were present. All the lodges were represented. In reporting on the membership the Grand Secretary stated that all lodges had been active in conferring degrees not only on their own candidates, but also degrees by courtesy at the request of other jurisdictions.

In reporting on dispensations the Grand Master stated that every effort was made to assist men in the services to complete their degrees and most of the dispensations concerned the period between degrees and the period of residence. The Grand Master visited all the lodges and also visited the Grand Lodges of Delaware and Maryland.

At the St. John's Day meeting on December 27th, 1945, the officers were installed. M.W. Bro. W. E. Schooley is Grand Master. At the conclusion of the ceremony he briefly addressed the brethren.

On November 30th, 1945, there were 79 residents in the Masonic Home. The cost of operation was \$64,718. The Home is supported by a per capita tax of \$1.00.

The proceedings contain a statistical table showing the membership year by year since 1863. In that year there were 1,233 members. The peak was reached in 1929 when there were 23,352 members. Losses occurred until in 1942 the membership was reduced to 19,767. In the last three years there have been gains until in 1945 there were 21,571 members.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. J. Walter Karsner. In a foreword reference is made to the gains in membership and to the tendency of writers to question whether the increases are really gains or whether history will repeat itself and losses will again occur as after the first World War. The reviewer states that everyone assumes that the members lost were those most recently gained, but he points to the fact that a careful check of the losses in the District of Columbia prove that this was not so. The only Canadian jurisdictions reviewed are Canada in Ontario and Quebec. The Saskatchewan proceedings apparently had not arrived in time to be included.

ENGLAND

Grand Master the Earl of Harewood. At the Quarterly Communication in March, 1946, the Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. H. V. Darrell presided in the absence of the Grand Master who was unable to be present on account of illness.

Pursuant to a notice of motion given at the last quarterly communication it was moved that the Earl of Harewood be re-elected Grand Master. This motion was carried unanimously and the Earl of Harewood was declared Grand Master by the Director of Ceremonies.

The Board of General Purposes reported that many brethren throughout the world had lost their regalia and suggested that any who had regalia which they did not use might send it to the Grand Secretary for the purpose of being sent to lodges where it was needed.

The Benevolent Fund is approximately £460,000. The income for the year was substantially in excess of the expenditure. The General Fund also showed a surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year.

ENGLAND

On the 24th of April, 1946, the Annual Investiture was held. The Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. H. V. Darrell welcomed the Grand Master the Earl of Harewood, stating how pleased all were to have him again in their midst after his illness. The Grand Master thanked the Assistant Grand Master and stated that he was delighted at being able to be present and expressed the hope that he would be able to continue among them for many years.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March the 6th, 1946, relating to the election of the Grand Master were read and confirmed and the Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the Grand Master. The Grand Master announced the appointment of R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Davies as Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. W. H. V. Darrell as Assistant Grand Master. All the officers for the ensuing year were then invested by the Grand Master.

At the Quarterly Communication in June 1946, the Assistant Grand Master presided in the absence of the Grand Master. He announced that the Grand Master had undergone an operation in the Royal Masonic Hospital and was making a satisfactory recovery.

A visitor on this occasion was M.W. Bro. William Tinsley, Grand Master of Illinois who had made a special trip to England to attend the Grand Lodge of England. In introducing him the Assistant Grand Master said that he regarded his visit as an evidence of continued friendship between the two jurisdictions. In replying to the words of welcome M.W. Bro. Tinsley stated that it was his fourth visit to the Grand Lodge of England; the first visit was when the Fund was launched to build the new Temple, the second when the foundation stone was laid, and the third when the Temple was dedicated. On each of the three occasions he was the representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and on none of these occasions had he ever thought that later he would have the privilege of a visit as the Grand Master of Illinois, the second largest jurisdiction in America, with 220,000 members. M.W. Bro. Tinsley was born in England and went to America while a boy.

The Board of General Purposes reported that in their opinion there should be some permanent record other than that contained in the minute books of the lodges of the effects of the impact of war upon Freemasonry. The Board has therefore asked each lodge to collect information and prepare a report to be incorporated in the minute book of the lodge and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary, such report to include (1) the names of brethren who took part in all forms of service both at home and abroad, the names of those disabled and of those who lost their lives; (2) the effect of the war upon

meetings and attendance including any incidents of special interest such as those which occurred during air attacks; (3) losses of lodge records and property.

The Quarterly Communication in December, 1946, was presided over by the Grand Master the Earl of Harewood. Notice was given that at the next Communication a motion would be made that he be re-elected.

The Grand Master unveiled a portrait of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. In doing so he referred to the tragic death of the then Grand Master and the splendid part he played and the dignity with which he carried out his various duties. There is a continuous series of portraits of the Grand Masters since 1872, and in addition there is a set of portraits of all Grand Masters who were members of the Royal Family.

The Board of General Purposes reported recommending the removal of all the emergency regulations enacted by reason of the war. The report was adopted.

Notice was given by the President of the Board of Benevolence that at the next meeting he would move that the Board should consist of a President and two Vice-Presidents to be appointed by the Grand Master, and eight Past Masters to be elected, four of whom shall represent the London Lodges and four the Provincial Lodges.

FLORIDA

117th Annual Communication at Jacksonville, April 16th and 17th, 1946. Grand Master W. S. Taylor. Lodges 223. Members 31,239. Gain 4,267. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge officers and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. 48 jurisdictions were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Georgia, Alabama, Maryland and Kentucky.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. T. P. Warlow and M.W. Bro. John T. Hall. Emergent communications were held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of these distinguished Masons. There was also an Emergent communication for the purpose of dedicating the Hall of Fort Green Lodge No. 216.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the Committee appointed in 1944 to consider future methods of Masonic charity and he asked that the matter be disposed of on the report of the committee; he requested that all co-operate in whatever system was decided upon.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington in February, 1946, and reported that the members of the Conference were entertained at the White House by the President of the United States. He also attended the annual meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association when M.W. Bro. John H. Cowles on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction) presented the sum of \$100,000 to be used to decorate and furnish a lodge room in the Memorial for the use of the York Rite Bodies of Alexandria.

The Grand Secretary reported returns had been received from all lodges although five lodges were behind time. He stated that the returns were most encouraging. Of the 223 lodges only 4 did not confer degrees.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge Tamaulipas, Tampico (Mexico), the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, and the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, and recommended that recognition be extended to all three as they are regularly constituted and

dedicated to the same objective as the Grand Lodge of Florida. Requests for recognition were also received from the National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla, the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, and the Grand Lodge of Para (Brazil). The Committee, however, deferred a definite report as to these three Grand Lodges until further information is obtained.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home reported an expenditure of about \$39,000. The annual per capita cost was \$1,181 and there was an average daily membership in the Home of 32.

M.W. Bro. Wallace R. Cheves, the Foreign Correspondent for many years, passed away in 1944 and the reviews which he had prepared for that year were not included in the proceedings. These reviews are now included in the report of the Committee for 1946. In addition there have been published some reviews for 1943 and also those of 1944 not prepared by M.W. Bro. Cheves. The Committee notes "a new era of thought" in the proceedings and states that the Craft is "post-war conscious." The tremendous increase in membership is noted and the attendant difficulties in assimilating many new brethren indicating that the real problem lies ahead. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed, no doubt because they had not been received in time to be included.

GEORGIA

159th Annual Communication at Macon, October 23 and 24th, 1945. Grand Master D. L. Shannon. Lodges 451. Members 54,132. Gain 6,049. All the officers were in attendance and 9 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the Brethren joined in the pledge of allegiance and in singing "America." The Roll of Grand Representatives was called when 44 responded. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. A. T. Harrison.

In his address the Grand Master stated that at the time of the last communication the nation was engaged in a global war but that now a military victory had been achieved and the country is faced with the grave responsibility of finding a solution of the problems which are incident to victory. He also said that the theory of isolation had been exploded and that instead of having America to themselves they were now a part of what had become a world community; that the scope of interest must be broadened to include the new world of which America forms a part, for no longer can interest in humanity be confined to the territorial boundaries of the continent.

The Grand Master made reference to the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt which occurred on April 12th, 1945, and spoke of the great responsibility which had been thrown so suddenly upon his successor.

During the year a campaign was conducted to raise the sum of \$50,000 for an Arts building at the Masonic Home, \$6,500 for the operation of the Masonic Centre at Atlanta, and \$93,500 for the Masonic Service Association. This was the first occasion for many years when a state wide campaign was carried on among the Masons in Georgia for benevolent purposes. The result was entirely satisfactory as the sums asked for were obtained.

According to the report of the Grand Secretary, Masonry in Georgia is numerically stronger than at any time since 1930; there is a growing interest, the revenue has increased and the Grand Lodge is in a better financial position than ever before.

Several Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying cornerstones, among them that of the New Lodge Hall of Lodge No. 597.

The Grand Master reported many special dispensations to hold lodge meetings out of time or to confer degrees on more than the statutory number of candidates. He stated that he had been liberal in complying with such

requests because in many instances the petitioners were leaving for the armed forces. He also reported dispensations relating to physical qualifications and expressed the opinion that if a petitioner is able to earn a living and can conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies, deformity should not bar him.

There is no published review of correspondence. The Grand Master for 1945-46 is M.W. Bro. J. H. Wilkinson.

IDAHO

80th Annual Communication at Burley, September 17th, 18th and 19th, 1946. Grand Master M. J. Ware. Lodges 80. Members 10,955. Gain 659. All the officers attended and 15 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Wyoming and Montana. A civic welcome was extended by the Mayor of Burley. After the opening ceremony the Flag of the United States was presented and a verse of the National Anthem sung. A reception was tendered the Past Grand Masters and also the representatives of sister jurisdictions. 77 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported his attendance at the Annual International Night at Lafayette Lodge, Seattle, Washington. He also attended a banquet at Vancouver given by the Masters' Association of Vancouver in honour of the Grand Master of British Columbia. He issued many dispensations during the year, most of them concerning men in the armed services. As to physical qualifications he is of the opinion that if an applicant is of good character and if his defect will not make him a charge on the Fraternity, a dispensation should be issued.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and is of the opinion that the meeting is of definite value. He stated that the conference gives one a comprehensive view of the problems of the Fraternity. He reported a banquet at which John W. Bricker, the former Governor of Ohio was the speaker and also referred to a reception at the White House given the delegates by President Truman.

This Grand Lodge contributed the sum of \$1,100.00 to help in the rehabilitation of Masonry in Europe, and as a contribution towards the sum of \$150,000 recommended for the purpose by the Committee sent to Europe by the Masonic Service Association.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Colombia, Bolivia and Venezuela and their recommendation was adopted.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. G. Eldridge. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed, no doubt because they did not arrive in time to be included.

ILLINOIS

107th Annual Communication at Chicago, October 8th and 9th, 1946. Grand Master William Tinsley. Lodges 977. Members 215,001. Gain 9,604. All the officers attended and 6 Past Grand Masters were present. Prior to the opening ceremony M.W. Bro. R. H. Wheeler, Dean of the Past Grand Masters, delivered an address in which he related events at some of the meetings held years ago. Visitors were present from 26 sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Master, in commenting on the increase in membership, stated that the gain was not sufficient to keep the Grand Lodge in second place among

the jurisdictions in the United States as Ohio now had a membership of 223,000 as compared with 215,000 members in Illinois.

This Grand Lodge has a Masonic hospital which turns no one away if space is available, but which is primarily for Masons and their families. In referring to the Hospital the Grand Master said that from a limited beginning the Institution, through competent management, has risen to a rating second to none in the State.

Efforts have been made during the past year to render effective service to returning veterans in guiding them to positions of employment and in furnishing information regarding the various laws under which benefits are due them.

There were 94 children in the Orphans' Home on September 30th, 1946. Last year there was an appropriation of \$72,000 for maintenance and \$10,000 for alterations. For the ensuing year the sum of \$98,000 was asked for maintenance. In the Masonic Home at Sullivan there were 160 residents, 59 of whom were in the Hospital. On account of increased costs the Board of Managers requested \$117,000 for maintenance instead of \$100,000 appropriated last year. The cost per capita in the Home was \$714.00. There are endowment funds for the two homes of nearly a million dollars.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 62 responded. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. R. C. Clark. The Grand Master welcomed them and asked them to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to their respective jurisdictions.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach. In a foreword the reviewer refers to the pressure brought to bear on Grand Masters to induce them to grant dispensations waiving the regulations long established to make it impossible to secure quick and easy admission. It is stated that the Grand Masters frequently yielded to pressure against their better judgment while advising against the practice. The usual excuse for this inconsistency is that the candidates were in the armed services. Reference is made to Europe and the reviewer states that the deadliest enemies of Freemasonry were Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany and Falangist Spain. In these countries Masonry was utterly crushed. The Saskatchewan proceedings are very kindly and fully reviewed. There is a reference to the action of the Grand Master in refusing to issue a dispensation to initiate more than five candidates at once, and to the dispensation issued to initiate a blind candidate. The destruction of the Masonic Temple at Kamsack and the fund established for its rebuilding is referred to. The sudden death of Thomas Miller, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, at a time when he was expected to visit the meeting of Grand Lodge, receives fitting reference.

INDIANA

129th Annual Communication at Indianapolis, May 28th and 29th, 1946. Grand Master D. L. Smith. Lodges 568. Members 139,597. Gain 8,273. All the officers attended and 17 Past Grand Masters were present. 57 jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Master welcomed the representatives and asked them to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana to their respective jurisdictions. 532 constituent lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan and Illinois.

In addressing the brethren the Grand Master said that for the first time in 14 years they met in a world of peace; since 1932 storm clouds gathered on the Eastern and Western horizons and the tempest rose to full fury in 1940 and spread over the face of the earth till it was dispelled by the

hosts of freedom fighting in a righteous cause. He stated that peace had been hard won and the scars of war would remain for generations; there is an increasing awareness of our obligations; the world cannot exist half slave and half free, and as long as there is oppression anywhere there is no freedom for men.

In referring to the condition of Masonry, the Grand Master said that it had flourished in Indiana during the year as in every jurisdiction of the United States; there had been a substantial increase in membership which is now at a record peak in the history of 129 years. He referred with some alarm to the "Boom" and the consequent problem of assimilation.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and reported 48 jurisdictions in the United States and two in Canada represented. It was his duty to prepare a paper on the subject "Post War developments in Masonic educational programs". A copy of the address is printed in the proceedings. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association and presented a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He is of the opinion that in the near future action must be taken to assume a share of the cost of the completion of the Shrine. Meanwhile he recommended an appropriation of \$1,000.

At the last Annual Meeting \$2,500 was appropriated for the relief of Masonry in the Philippine Islands "to be expended as directed by the Grand Master". During the year the Grand Master forwarded the sum in two separate amounts, being assured on investigation that every temple had been destroyed and relief was needed for many widows and orphans of men who lost their lives in defence of their home and country.

There is an interesting table of statistics prepared by M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gaye, the Foreign Correspondent. The membership in the United States is placed at 2,817,133, a gain for the year of 160,177. The membership in Canada is stated to be 177,207, representing a gain of 6,667.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the Grand Lodge of Venezuela. As to an application from the Grand Lodge Oriental of Colombia, the Committee stated that already two Grand Lodges in Colombia were recognized and they recommended that the request be delayed for further information and developments.

The Review of the proceedings of the various jurisdictions do not appear in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, but are published from time to time in the "Indiana Free Mason".

IOWA

102nd Annual Communication at Des Moines, June 11th and 12th, 1946
Grand Master W. L. Perkins. Lodges 543. Members 76,864. Gain 3,792.
No annual communication was held in 1945 and the proceedings published contain the reports for 1944-45 and the proceedings for 1945-46.

There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge officers and 14 Past Grand Masters were present. Prior to the opening ceremony public exercises were held in the Scottish Rite Temple at which a musical program was rendered and an address delivered by Robert D. Blue, the Governor of Iowa. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Mississippi, Minnesota and Nebraska.

The Grand Master read an address which he had prepared for the 1945 meeting as well as for the Annual Meeting for 1946. He referred to the fact that he had occupied the position for two years because of the cancella-

tion of the 1945 meeting. He visited many of the lodges, making an effort during the two years to visit all lodges which had never had a visit from a Grand Master.

He also attended the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Nebraska.

A Special Communication was held on March 19th, 1946, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. C. S. Percival, Past Grand Master. Special Communications were also held for the purpose of dedicating two new Masonic Halls. The Grand Master made reference to Masonry in the Philippines and read a letter received from the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction in which it was stated that the Grand Lodge and most of the lodges lost all their properties and records in consequence of the atrocities committed by the enemy.

In 1941 a resolution was adopted providing for a Committee on Military and Naval activity which consisted of five members. The Committee rendered a great service to members in the armed forces and was supported by voluntary contributions. 40% of the monies raised was contributed to the Masonic Service Association. The Committee still functions, the Grand Master being of the opinion that there is still work for it to do among the veterans. The Secretary reported 302 requests made by Iowa lodges for courtesy work in other jurisdictions, and the Grand Lodge of Iowa received 85 similar requests, six of which were from England.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in excellent condition. There was a substantial balance in the General Fund as the result of the year's operations and the balance in all funds exceeds \$1,330,000.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Recognition referred to reports indicating that Masonic conditions in Mexico, Central and South America had greatly improved; other reports, however, indicated that some organizations calling themselves "Masonic" are really political groups of one sort and another; the Committee expressed the opinion that they should proceed with caution and recommended that all requests for recognition should be deferred until complete information is available.

The Review of Proceedings is by M.W. Bro. Ernest Moore. The reviews for 1945 and 1946 are both included. In the foreword to the 1945 review it is stated that there is a uniform note of seriousness through all the proceedings and that stress is laid on democracy and the right of the individual to the Four Freedoms. In the introduction to the 1946 review it is said that in all jurisdictions there is a paramount thought, namely, that war for years devastated the world and left an aftermath of distress and suffering and a realization that Peace has its problems as difficult as those of war. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1944 and 1945 are very fully and kindly reviewed. There are references to the addresses of the Grand Master, the work of the District Deputies, the increase in membership and the report of the Committee on the condition of Masonry.

IRELAND

At the St. John's Day meeting in December, 1945, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke, presided and expressed his appreciation at having been appointed for the seventh year in succession. In the absence of the Grand Master he addressed Grand Lodge stating that for the first six years he was in office they had met under the shadow of war which started by enveloping Europe and finally spread over the entire world. He referred to the fact that great numbers of the brethren all over Ireland had served in the Navy, the Army and the Air Force and, as all were volunteers, the record was one of which all could be proud.

Reference was made to the destruction of the Malta Lodge when the Island was besieged. The lodge at Shanghai had ceased to function and many brethren suffered internment. With the final defeat of Germany and Japan there was hope that peace would bring that quiet and happiness which had been absent from the world for so long.

A substantial sum of money was sent to the Lodge in Malta and the New Zealand brethren had arranged to have three chairs made out of New Zealand wood for presentation to the Lodge in Malta. The Deputy Grand Master also referred to the generosity of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States (Southern Jurisdiction) in sending a further sum of \$10,000 for the relief of distress. A resolution of thanks was passed at the October Communication and sent to the Supreme Council.

In referring to the reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges, the Deputy Grand Master said that they all referred to the coming of peace and the hope of renewed activities which would afford an opportunity of renewing old friendships.

The contributions for the Charities increased during the year. The Board of the Annuity Fund made a Christmas present to each of the Old Age Pensioners. As to the Schools for the boys and girls, the Deputy Grand Master stated that no children got a better chance of a good start in life.

In addition to reports from the Provinces in Ireland, the proceedings contain reports from the Irish Lodges in New Zealand, the Southern Cape, Rhodesia, Natal, South Africa (Northern), India and Bermuda.

KANSAS

Ninetieth Annual Communication at Topeka, February 13th and 14th, 1946. Grand Master H. D. Evans. Lodges 436. Members 73,956. Gain 5,382. All the officers were in attendance and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. They were cordially received and welcomed by the Grand Master. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 49 responded. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. J. H. Trice. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Wyoming, North Dakota and Missouri. 218 constituent lodges were represented.

In his address the Grand Master said that the progress of Masonry depended not upon members gained but on those who learn the teachings of the Institution. He referred to the year past as one of suspense but finally a year in which the armies of the Allies had been victorious; he urged all to exert their influence towards the making of a lasting peace.

During the year a grant of \$1,000 was made to help in the relief of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and the Grand Master asked for the approval of this action.

The Grand Master reported visiting lodges in all parts of the State and stated that these visits were a great pleasure to him. He reported the Masonic Home being managed under handicaps due to rationing and labour shortage, and said that it had been able to maintain the high standards of the past. The maintenance of the Home cost \$98,000 and there is an Endowment Fund of \$776,000.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the controversy which had prevailed in Kansas as to the George Washington Memorial. He stated that Kansas Masons had been the poorest contributors. Believing that Kansas should have some part in building and maintaining the Memorial, he recommended a contribution of \$10,000 in four equal annual payments, such contribution not to be a commitment on the part of Grand Lodge to belong to the Association.

The Grand Master reported the issue of 538 dispensations during the year, 481 of which were for the conferring of degrees out of time in the case of men in the armed forces.

In commenting upon the large increase in membership the Grand Master said that the increase does not reflect a great increase in interest but it at least gives the lodges an opportunity to interest and hold the new members.

The Committee on Correspondence reported efforts to re-establish Masonry in Europe even in Germany and Italy. They also referred to Masonic activity in Central and South America and recommended that a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Bolivia be granted. This Grand Lodge is already recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, New York, Kentucky, New Jersey and Massachusetts, and by a number in Central and South America.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Otto R. Souders. In a foreword reference is made to some large lodges in Kansas. The writer belongs to the third largest lodge in the State with about 2,000 members; there is another lodge in Wichita with a membership of 3,850 said to be the largest in the world. These large lodges have increased their numbers materially during the war years and the reviewer expresses the opinion that the large increase is not a danger but a strength. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed no doubt because they were not available when the reviews were written.

KENTUCKY

145th Annual Communication at Louisville. October 16th and 17th, 1945. Grand Master J. L. Tigue, lodges 488. Members 57,693. Gain 5,157. All Grand Lodge officers were in attendance and the representatives of all lodges were present. The American Flag was presented, the pledge of allegiance given, and the brethren joined in singing "America".

The Grand Master referred to the gain in membership and gain in physical assets as among the greatest in the history of the Grand Lodge, and he reported that the lodges generally were interested and active. He stated, however, that the most dangerous period is a time of prosperity and referred to the time 25 years ago when thousands of applicants were accepted and subsequently many of them for lack of interest became unaffiliated. He expressed the opinion that efforts should be made in every lodge to interest new members so that history would not be repeated.

The Grand Master expressed gratitude for the end of the war and for victory and said that all should endeavour to serve as well in peace as in war. He presented the record of the members who lost their lives in the service of their country and announced that a suitable memorial service would be held.

There were seven consolidations during the year, each of two lodges. One charter was surrendered and a dispensation was issued for a new lodge. The cornerstone of an addition to the Old Masons' Home was laid.

Many dispensations were granted concerning men in the armed services. The Grand Master spent an active year making many visits although handicapped by gas rationing and pressure of business obligations. He was able to visit every section of the State and in doing so travelled over 20,000 miles.

The Grand Secretary reported that 418 lodges had a gain in membership. The average membership of lodges is 118. There are 40 lodges with a membership of less than 25. He reported that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky had made 356 requests of other jurisdictions to confer degrees for Kentucky lodges and that he had 110 requests to confer degrees for lodges in other jurisdictions.

This Grand Lodge contributed \$3,455 in 1944 and \$4,298 in 1945 to the George Washington Memorial, having decided to contribute the sum of one dollar for each initiate.

The Grand Master appealed to the lodges and the individual members for contributions to help in the relief of Masons in the Philippine Islands, with the result that \$7,142 has been contributed.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and the Grand Master asked those who responded to convey the felicitations of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to their respective jurisdictions.

There is a substantial Educational Fund and the sum of approximately \$4,000 was expended during the year in grants for the school expenses of a number of wards.

The Committee on the Recognition of Grand Lodges recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Parana (Brazil) and to eight Grand Lodges in various states of Mexico. In making the recommendation it was stated that the Mexican Grand Lodges were members of the Confederation of State Grand Lodges in Mexico and are in relations of amity with the York Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

There is no published review of correspondence.

LOUISIANA

131st Annual Communication at New Orleans, February 11th, 12th and 13th, 1946. Grand Master Otto E. Passmann. Lodges 238. Members 29,094. Gain 2,968. An Emergent Communication was held at New Orleans on October the 6th, 1945, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. Archibald Thomas Higgins, Past Grand Master. The proceedings contain a memorial to this distinguished brother who was Grand Master in 1937. There was also an Emergent Communication on December the 16th, 1945, at Slagle, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Lodge 208.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Communication and 17 Past Grand Masters were present. The Flag of the United States was presented, the pledge of allegiance given, and the national anthem sung. 228 lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The Action of the Grand Master in calling for an election by mail of the officers in 1945 under the circumstances then existing was approved. In his address the Grand Master said that in 1945 it was necessary, on account of the war, for the office of Defence Transportation to prohibit meetings where the attendance would exceed 50 and that this necessitated the calling off of the Annual meeting. The then Grand Master, after consultation with the officers, decided upon an election by mail and accordingly ballots were prepared and forwarded to each delegate.

The Grand Master reported visits to 141 lodges and attendance at 21 district meetings. He also visited the Grand Lodges of New York and Maryland. He issued 207 dispensations most of them concerning men in the armed forces. He also granted dispensations for the formation of four new lodges. All lodges except 23 reported gains in membership.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Children's Home and to the splendid work there carried on. The number of residents at present is small but the Grand Master expressed the opinion that when the present prosperity disappears there will be many applicants and the home will be filled to capacity. The income for the Home has much increased and this,

coupled with the reduction in the number of children, has resulted in the Board having a large surplus. On December 31st, 1945, there were 25 children in the Home and the cost of maintenance exceeded \$25,000.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in a healthy condition throughout the State; the lodges generally are active and well attended; suspensions are not numerous and many suspended members are being reinstated; many lodges are erecting new temples and he advised care when embarking upon expenditures for building.

M.W. Bro. Edwin F. Gayle presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Masonry in Mexico is dealt with at length. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana already recognizes 4 Grand Lodges in Mexico in addition to the York Grand Lodge, and the Committee recommended that recognition be extended to 5 additional Grand Lodges in the Mexican states. They also recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia.

MAINE

127th Annual Communication at Portland, May 7th and 8th, 1946. Grand Master Charles E. Crossland. Lodges 216. Members 38,384. Gain 1,421. All the officers attended and 9 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware and Quebec. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 55 responded to their names. Saskatchewan was not represented. 185 lodges were represented.

In his address the Grand Master said that all should be thankful that they were not harassed by the anxiety and fear of the past four years; all should be grateful that peace had come but they could not forget the terrible price which had been paid. Every effort should be put forth to prevent a recurrence of war. Tolerance, patience and good-will were necessary.

The Grand Master referred with pride to the fact that for the fourth consecutive year there had been a gain in membership, the gain for 1945-46 being the largest. Unpaid dues are the lowest in several years and Masonry in Maine is in a prosperous condition. He also said that there was some satisfaction and financial strength in size, but he made reference to the larger lodges where a member is but a name on the register and expressed the opinion that membership in a lodge should be restricted to a stated maximum.

A number of dispensations were issued during the year, all but one for the purpose of conferring degrees in less than the required time and all but one concerned men in the armed services.

In 1945 the Grand Lodge became 125 years of age and for the purpose of bringing the history up-to-date the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. R. J. Pollard, historian. The history was completed and one copy sent to each lodge, to each permanent Grand Lodge member and to the jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Maine has fraternal relationship. During the year one of the lodges was reprimanded by the Grand Master because on the occasion of the visit of the District Deputy Grand Master two officers were under the influence of liquor; the two officers were ordered to make an apology to the lodge and to write letters of apology to the District Deputy.

The sum of \$18,000 was sent to the Masonic Service Association for the support of the Masonic centres and the sum of \$1,100 was provided to assist in re-establishing Masonry in the Philippine Islands. There is a Post War Masonic Fund of \$34,000 and a Committee has been appointed to develop a plan for the use of the Fund. The Grand Master recommended a contribution of \$4,000 to the Masonic Service Association to be used for the rehabilitation of Masonry in Europe.

The General Fund was substantially increased as a result of the year's operations. There is a Charity Fund of \$261,000 and the total of all funds exceeds \$400,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. R. J. Pollard. In a foreword reference is made to the "Good Neighbour Policy" by granting recognition to certain bodies in Mexico and South America. The reviewer states that we should never lose sight of the standards for recognition which are based upon the Landmarks of the Craft. Reference is also made to the question of physical perfection and the reviewer expresses the opinion that while all physical standards should not be abandoned, physical deficiency is of small importance when compared with moral deficiency. The numerical increase is referred to as the "Outstanding Masonic Event of the Year". The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed. Reference is made to the Conference of Western Grand Lodges at Banff, to the destruction of the Lodge Hall at Kamsack by the cyclone, and to the Benevolent Fund.

MANITOBA

71st Annual Communication at Winnipeg, June 5th and 6th, 1946. Grand Master P. T. Pilkey. Lodges 103. Members 11,068. Gain 511. There was a full representation of Grand Lodge Officers and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Canada in Ontario, Minnesota, North Dakota, Idaho and South Dakota.

R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, the Grand Secretary passed away on February 7th, 1946, and the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. Harry Woods Acting Grand Secretary.

The finances appear to be in a sound position, there being a substantial surplus in the General Fund as a result of the year's operations. There is a benevolent Fund of \$338,000. The sum of \$5,423 was paid to 35 beneficiaries.

A reception was accorded the Grand Representatives present. 54 responded to their names, Saskatchewan being represented by R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess. The Grand Master expressed fraternal greetings to the respective Grand Lodges and asked each one of the representatives to communicate with the Grand Lodge represented and to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In his address the Grand Master made reference to the death of the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, and paid tribute to his services stating that he had served his day and generation with exemplary efficiency and devotion.

The Grand Master reported an exceptionally busy year, having visited many of the lodges and also attended the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Minnesota. He also attended all the district meetings.

Prior to Christmas, 1945, the Grand Master sent a letter to all the lodges stating that the Benevolent Fund should not be overlooked. The response was very gratifying as the sum of \$3,242 was received for the Benevolent Fund.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported a revival of interest in Masonry since the close of the war in Europe and an anxious desire everywhere to help in the re-establishment of Masonry throughout the world. They reported proposals being made which show a greater desire for the attainment of the desired results than mature consideration of the means of accomplishing them; they expressed the opinion that decisions should be reached with full and adequate consultation.

M.W. Bro. William Douglas presented a history of the early development of Masonry in Winnipeg referring to Prince Rupert Lodge and the various buildings occupied by it in the early days. The history contains much of historical interest to Manitoba Masons. In 1888 there were five lodges with a total membership of 524 and in 1895 the same lodges had a membership of 608.

The Special War Effort Committee reported the sum of \$11,559 on hand and stated that no disbursements were made during the year. The Committee stated that they were following the course of the Grand Lodge of England in waiting until conditions in Europe become more stable before attempting to assist in the re-establishment of lodges.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Hugh M. Kerr. The review consists of extracts from the addresses of various Grand Masters and contains much of interest. Saskatchewan is not referred to, no doubt because the proceedings were not received by the reviewer in time to be included.

MARYLAND

159th Annual Communication at Baltimore, November 20th and 21st, 1945. Grand Master Daniel Hope. Lodges 120. Members 32,360. Gain 1,724. The Semi-Annual Communication was held at Baltimore on May the 5th, 1945. The Grand Master made reference to the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home to build an Infirmary at an approximate cost of \$200,000. Already the sum of \$32,000 has been raised for the purpose, and the Grand Master recommended that the Board of Trustees be authorized to build the Infirmary when the necessary funds are on hand and when building conditions permit.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, Tampico (Mexico), stating that it complied with the requirements. An application from the Grand Lodge of Chili was held for further inquiry.

There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge officers at the Annual Communication and four Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Vermont, The District of Columbia, and Louisiana.

In addressing the brethren the Grand Master stated that all rejoiced at the cessation of hostilities in Europe and when complete victory was proclaimed after the capitulation of Japan. Approximately 6,500 members or sons of members were in the forces and an effort had been made to keep in communication with all of them.

M.W. Bro. C. H. Claudy, the Secretary of the Masonic Services Association delivered an address in which he thanked the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the support given to the Association during the war years. He announced that they were closing the Service centres as fast as the attendance drops to the point where they are no longer worth the expense of operation. Some of the centres will be changed to hospital visitation points of which at present there are eighteen. At these points field agents are stationed who will visit men in the military hospitals. The number visited this year was estimated to be 200,000 and this figure will be substantially increased next year.

A resolution was introduced on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Relations setting forth the requirements necessary for the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported that at the Annual Communication in 1939 recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Peru, but that no response had been received to correspondence sent announcing this action. The Committee therefore recommended that the recognition extended be suspended until the unsatisfactory conditions which are reported to exist in the Grand Lodge of Peru be corrected and until it is established upon a firm and harmonious basis.

The Roll of sister Jurisdictions was called, and 54 responded. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. F. H. Ankeney; the Grand Master welcomed them and asked them to convey to their respective jurisdictions the best wishes of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

M.W. Bro. Daniel Hope was elected Grand Master for the second year.

MARYLAND

160th Annual Communication at Baltimore, November 19th and 20th, 1946. Grand Master Daniel Hope. Lodges 120. Members 34,583. Gain 2,223. A Semi-Annual Communication was held on May the 21st, 1946. The Grand Secretary reported a gain in membership for the preceding six months of 1,085, and stated that all the lodges had paid their accounts in full. Of the lodges, 38 are in the City of Baltimore, with a membership of 20,110.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia (Barranquilla) and the recommendation was adopted.

All the officers attended the Annual Communication. The 4 Past Grand Masters present were presented and the Grand Master welcomed them paying tribute to their long and faithful service. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and West Virginia.

In addressing the brethren the Grand Master referred to the end of his two-year term in office and intimated that while the work was strenuous he inclined to the view that if a Grand Master serves well he should be continued in office so long as he is willing to serve; that the precedent of the two-year term for Grand Master might be departed from in proper cases. He made reference to the substantial increase in membership, stating that at the beginning of his term the membership was 30,635, and at the end of the term 34,583, a gain of 3,948 in two years; he added, however, that there was "no glory in numbers". During his two years of office the assets of the Grand Lodge increased by \$71,000 and the assets of the Masonic Homes by an amount exceeding \$370,000 after writing-off of depreciation. There is an Endowment Fund for the Homes of \$728,000, and the total in all funds is about \$1,500,000. At the end of the year 1946 there were 108 residents in the Homes.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported applications for recognition from Grand Lodges in Spain, Denmark, Mexico and Peru, but stated that their investigation was not complete and therefore made no recommendation.

An effort is being made to obtain funds for the erection of an Infirmary at the Masonic Homes and approximately \$200,000 has been raised. The Grand Master expressed his gratitude to the membership for their liberality and urged every Mason to make some contribution so that when the building is completed he may be able to look with pride upon a monument to his generosity.

The Committee on Military Service Activities reported that from June 30th, 1942, to October 1946, there was collected for their purposes the sum of \$117,000. Of this sum about \$63,000 was paid to the Masonic Service Association. Among the services rendered by the Committee was the supply of cots every Saturday night for servicemen and 12,000 had taken advantage of the sleeping facilities. The Committee stated that it might not be necessary to continue the work for more than a part of the coming year.

There is no review of correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Master S. H. Wragg. Lodges 325. Members 98,695. Gain 3,231. Several special communications were held during the year for the purpose of celebrating anniversaries of constituent lodges. The history of each lodge celebrating its anniversary is published in the proceedings.

Quarterly Communications were held in March, June, September and December, 1945. The Quarterly Communication in March was limited in attendance by reason of the Order of the Office of War Defence Transportation preventing conventions of over 50 people needing transportation by rail, bus, auto or airplane or sleeping accommodation in hotels. A notice was sent with the call for the meeting to the effect that no one entitled to attend Grand Lodge should attend if his attendance would in any way conflict with this order.

At the Quarterly Communication in June the Grand Master commented upon the condition of the Craft stating that the work was equal to that of pre-war days notwithstanding the demands made upon many of the members by reason of the war. He referred to the subnormal period following 1929 and the resulting loss in numbers and spoke of the increase of about 2,000 in the year 1943-44 and predicted a large increase for the year ending August 31st, 1945. He advised care in the selection of members and stated that the Committee in each lodge should consider each applicant carefully and thus avoid the necessity for wholesale suspensions such as have occurred in the past.

At the Communication in September the Grand Master said that it was not necessary to dwell at great length upon the great events which had recently taken place in the world; all were devoutly thankful that hostilities had ceased and while many trials may still lie ahead, he hoped that a lasting and just peace would prevail.

The income for the year was estimated at \$396,000 and the expenditure at about \$392,000. The appropriation for the Masonic Home is \$113,000. There were 130 residents in the Home. There is a Charity Fund of almost \$3,000,000.

At the Quarterly Communication in December the Grand Master commented upon the number of anniversary celebrations, stating that there had been thirty of them and that he had attended them all but two.

The Grand Master reported on the activities of the 7 lodges in the Canal Zone, stating that they had been very busy in the war years. The District Grand Lodge there is in strong financial position. Unusual conditions due to the war have interfered with the lodges in Chile, but with the return to normal conditions they are expected to resume activities. Work in China had ceased but it is expected that activity will be resumed in the near future. Of 325 lodges, 309 are in the State, 7 in the Canal Zone, 3 in Chile and 6 in China.

The Grand Master gave kindly consideration to the many requests for dispensations to shorten time between degrees and other requests incident to unusual conditions caused by many candidates being in the armed forces.

M.W. Bro. S. H. Wragg was again chosen Grand Master and was duly installed. Following the installation the Brethren assembled in the banquet hall where addresses were given by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master Frederick W. Cook, the Secretary of State for Massachusetts, and Kristen A. Persen, a Past Grand Master of the Ancient Landmark Lodge in Shanghai, who had been a Norwegian war correspondent in Manila just before Pearl Harbour and who was detained by the Japanese. An address was also given by W. Bro. George E. Bushnell of Michigan who was one of the four men appointed by the Masonic Service Association to survey Masonic conditions in Europe.

MINNESOTA

93rd Annual Communication at St. Paul, January 16th and 17th, 1946. Grand Master W. F. Holman. Lodges 293. Members 50,795. Gain 2,141. There was a full attendance of the officers and 187 lodges were represented. After the opening ceremony the National Colours and the Union Jack were presented and the brethren joined in the National Anthem and God Save the King. 43 jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan, by Bro. R. E. Van Kirk. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

An occasional Communication was held in Minneapolis on February 16th, 1945, for the purpose of constituting Educational Lodge No. 1002.

The Grand Master referred to the war having ended since the last annual meeting and that now the world is supposed to be at peace; an organization has been set up among the nations which everyone hopes will prevent future wars and this it must do, for either there will be perpetual peace or ultimate chaos. On August 17th, 1945, the Grand Master sent to all the lodges a request that a meeting of Thanksgiving be held and the results were most gratifying.

The Grand Master reported having travelled many thousand miles visiting the lodges and at all the meetings he endeavoured to emphasize the application of Masonic principles to everyday life.

There were two consolidations during the year, each of two lodges.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Commission sent by the Masonic Service Association to investigate the conditions of Masonry in Europe. The Commission has issued a report in pamphlet form stating that \$150,000 could be used advantageously on the Continent. On a per capita basis the share of Minnesota would be \$2,500. The Grand Master recommended that this sum be appropriated from the Emergency Relief Fund for the purpose. The recommendation was approved.

The Grand Master issued many dispensations for the conferring of degrees on a number of candidates at the same time, and also for the conferring of degrees out of time on men in the services.

The Grand Master commended the excellent work being done by Bro. Frank Warner, a representative at Rochester. The duties of the representative have been much increased not only in visiting the sick in the hospitals but in helping to find accommodation for visiting brethren. Bro. Warner has carried on that work for twenty years.

The per capita tax is \$1.50, of which \$1.00 is appropriated for the Masonic Home. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that serious con-

sideration would have to be given to an increase in the tax. He recommended an appropriation of \$1,000 from the Emergency Relief Fund for the aid of Masonry in the Philippines.

There were 177 residents in the Masonic Home at the end of 1945. The monthly per capita cost was \$45.62, or about \$547.00 per annum. The cost of maintenance was about \$98,000 which was slightly less than the income.

The Review of Proceedings is by M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery. 44 jurisdictions are reviewed. Saskatchewan is not among them no doubt because the proceedings were not available when the reviews were prepared. The reviewer states that only 44 were received and he attributes the small number to the order of the Office of Defence Transportation limiting the number of delegates to Conventions to 50. He expresses the hope that this year he will have the privilege of reviewing the proceedings of all jurisdictions.

MISSISSIPPI

128th Annual Communication at Meridian, February 12th and 13th, 1946. Grand Master J. C. Paden. Lodges 307. Members 31,189. Gain 3,130. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the blessings of Peace and said it had been demonstrated that free men are mightier than those who have been under the hand of tyranny. He also said that it must not be forgotten that there is a great task ahead in establishing peace.

The Grand Master reported many dispensations to confer degrees out of time all of which were for men serving in the Armed forces. He visited many lodges but on account of gas rationing and the labour situation was unable to make as many visits as he desired.

The Grand Master reported a request from the Grand Lodge of California for a contribution for the relief of Masonry in the Philippine Islands. After consulting the Grand Lodge Officers and the Finance Committee, a donation of \$250 was forwarded.

The Fraternal Correspondent Bro. William D. Neal presented a report in which he dealt with the general increase in membership and compared the situation with that which existed for a number of years until the year 1942. He prepared a summary of membership in the various jurisdictions in the United States and stated that the Summary shows the largest gain in membership that has ever been experienced. He also referred to the warnings given by many Grand Masters with respect to the great influx of members. He does not, however, share the alarm as he does not think that because an increase in membership was once followed by depression the same thing must happen again. He concludes his report with an emphasis on the need for Masonic education. He recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, the National Grand Lodge of Colombia, and the Grand Lodge of Chili, stating that these Grand Lodges met all the requirements for recognition. His recommendation was adopted.

The Masonic Homes at Meridian and Columbus are well supported. The revenue for maintenance amounted to \$78,000 and the expenditure was about \$30,000, leaving a substantial balance which was transferred to the Endowment Fund which now amounts to \$242,000.

The report of the Fraternal correspondent before referred to contains a review of 50 jurisdictions. The reviewer states that he has endeavoured to select the most useful and interesting points discovered in the various proceedings. Saskatchewan for 1945 is very kindly reviewed with references to the address of the Grand Master, the work of the Committee on Masonic Education and the increase in membership.

MISSOURI

125th Annual Communication at St. Louis, September 24th, 25th and 26th, 1946. Grand Master W. J. Bray. Lodges 602. Members 98,963. Gain 5,058. There was a full attendance of the officers and visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana and Oklahoma.

A Special Communication was held at Kansas City September 25th, 1945, for the purpose of receiving a number of Masons from the Confederation of Mexican Grand Lodges who had come to express gratitude to the Grand Lodge of Missouri as the first Grand Lodge to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Mexican Federation.

At the opening of the Annual Communication the Grand Secretary, on behalf of the President of the United States, presented a gavel which the President had used when he presided over the Senate as Vice-President.

In his address the Grand Master stated that it was the first time in 72 years that a Grand Master had been called upon to give an account of his second year in office. He stated that since the last meeting the military defeat of the most powerful aggregation of force had taken place; the forces of right had crushed Germany, Italy and Japan; the world, however, is not yet at peace and while all peoples yearn for peace the diplomats appear to be working out the blue prints for a third world conflict.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Government restrictions which prevented the holding of the meeting in 1945. A Conference of Officers, Past Grand Masters and Committee Chairmen was held at which reports were presented and it was decided to dispense with the annual meeting. No election of officers was held with the result that officers elected in 1944 continued in office for a second year.

With few exceptions the lodges have been busy. Several lodges are considering the possibility of consolidation with neighbouring lodges. The Grand Master was critical of some of the questions submitted to him for ruling and stated that many lodges do not make proper effort to find the provisions of the law themselves.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that there is a tendency on the part of some members to racial or religious intolerance and called attention to the Masonic teaching that man may worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience; no man should take an attitude of derision of the religion of another and there should be no intolerance or bigotry.

The Grand Master said that the Grand Lodge would soon have to face the problem of greater understanding of and closer co-operation with negro Masonry. He stated that Prince Hall Grand Lodge is probably in its origin legitimate and made reference to the address of M.W. Bro. Hartman of the Grand Lodge of Oregon before the Conference of Grand Masters on the subject.

The Grand Master reported a contribution of \$10,000 to help in the rehabilitation of Masonry in Europe, the action being a result of the report of the Commission sent by the Masonic Service Association to report on conditions there. A contribution of \$10,000 was also made to assist in relief work in the Philippines.

There was an average of 273 residents in the Masonic Home during the year and the cost of operating the Home was about \$235,000. There is an Endowment Fund of nearly \$1,500,000.

The Committee on the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). The Committee also approved the action of the Grand Master in extending recognition to the lodges in the Mexican Federation, believing that such action will strengthen the bonds of Friendship between the two countries.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Pro. Ray V. Denslow. The review gives a general account of the history of Masonry during the past six years. Europe is dealt with at length and as M.W. Bro. Denslow was a member of the Commission sent to Europe by the Masonic Service Association he is well informed on conditions there. The review is interesting and instructive and should be read by all who are interested in the results of war on many European countries. Extended reference is made to the Grand Lodge of England and to the increase in the number of lodges during the past few years.

In 1936 there were 4,943 lodges, and 1945 there were 5,519, with 1,346 in London, 3,422 in the Provinces, and 751 abroad.

MONTANA

82nd Annual Communication at Butte, August 20th and 21st, 1946. Grand Master B. F. Gaither. Lodges 135. Members 20,657. Gain 1,066. All officers attended and visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and the District of Columbia. 108 lodges were represented and 17 Past Grand Masters were present.

The regular annual meeting was not held in 1945 with the result that the meeting in 1946 was a particularly busy one and the Grand Master asked the co-operation of all in order to expedite business and prevent sessions being held into the third day.

A Special Communication was held in Helena in July, 1946, to conduct the funeral service of M.W. Bro. Francis D. Jones, Past Grand Master. There was also a Special Communication to dedicate a new lodge and two for the purpose of dedicating new temples.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in Montana in flourishing condition. Most of the lodges are in good financial condition, many have acquired new temples, remodeled old ones or are making plans for building. The lodges generally are busy conferring degrees and there has been a substantial gain in membership. While stating that the increase was gratifying the Grand Master questioned whether the increase was too large and whether there was danger of a repetition of conditions which prevailed during the 1930 decade. He expressed the opinion that many of the lodges might exercise more care in respect of candidates and pay more attention to those who are admitted.

The Grand Master attended the Annual International Night of Lafayette Lodge in Seattle and also attended a banquet in Vancouver given by the Masters Association of Vancouver in honour of the Grand Master of British Columbia. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported upon the many interesting topics there discussed. At the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association he presented a substantial cheque on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The finances are in a sound position there being a substantial balance as a result of the year's operations. Total revenue from all sources was about \$90,000. The maintenance of the Masonic Home cost about \$35,000 a sum well below the revenue for the purpose. There were on June 30th, 1946, only 44 residents in the Home.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. C. J. McAllister. The review is lengthy and instructive on many subjects indicating that the reviewer must have spent much time and thought in the work. In the introduction there is a reference to the increased membership and the opinion is expressed that the numbers have increased too rapidly and that if caution is not exercised a setback will be suffered. There is a detailed reference to the address of M.W. Bro. F. W. Hartman of Oregon, given at the Conference of Grand Masters on Negro Freemasonry and authorities are cited to show that Prince Hall Masonry is legitimate. The reviewer pays a splendid tribute to the work of the Masonic Service Association, particularly in regard to the Masonic Service centres established during the war. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are kindly reviewed. The address of the Grand Master is characterized as "able and interesting". Reference is made to the death of M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson, the Senior Past Grand Master. The work of the Committee on Masonic Education and the Benevolent Fund receive kindly comment.

NEBRASKA

89th Annual Communication at Omaha, June 4th, 5th and 6th, 1946. Grand Master W. C. Schaefer. Lodges 281. Members 36,002. Gain 1,810. There was a full attendance of the officers and 12 Past Grand Masters were present. They were introduced and the Grand Master welcomed them, stating that they had served the jurisdiction well while in office and were still active in its welfare. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. W. J. Baird of Lodge No. 268 on behalf of the 11 lodges in the City of Omaha. 197 lodges were represented.

In opening his address the Grand Master said that the meeting was the 88th and 89th Annual Communication and that "we meet to-day under more normal conditions than we did two years ago in June of 1944". At that time there was war with the nations which would destroy democracies and enslave free men; it was "D" Day in Europe, and the forces were crossing the English Channel to invade the continent of Europe; today the Allies are victorious and there is no physical danger.

Early in 1944 it was decided to cancel the Annual Meeting because of the Government order directing that meetings which involved an attendance of more than 50 should not be held. All lodges were so advised and it was stated that all officers would continue in office; that a Finance Committee would be appointed and a budget prepared which would be sent to each lodge. The proceedings contain a full financial report for the year 1944 as well as for 1945. Members who were masters of lodges in 1945 were invited as guests of the Grand Lodge at the Communication in 1946.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. W. A. Robertson, who died on July 3rd, 1944. He was Grand Master in 1937 and attended the Annual meeting in the month of June. A Special Communication was held for the purpose of conducting the funeral service. At the time of his death he was the President of the Masonic Home of Nebraska. Two other Past Grand Masters died during 1944, M.W. Bro. F. L. Temple, Grand Master in 1917-1918, and M.W. Bro. I. C. Fleet, Grand Master in 1929.

This Grand Lodge contributed to the work of Masonic Service Association but carried on its own war work through two separate Committees—one to collect the War Service Fund and one to administer it. The Fund was intended for the benefit of men and women in the Services. The sum of \$1,000 was however sent to the United Grand Lodge of England and a grant was also made to the Grand Lodge of California to assist in the rehabilitation of Masonry in the Philippines.

The cornerstones of three new buildings at Omaha Home for Boys were laid on October 20th, 1944, at a Special Communication called for the purpose.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and also visited the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri and Illinois. In reporting on his visit to the Grand Lodge of Iowa he stated that it was the 100th Anniversary of that Grand Lodge and that 22 jurisdictions were represented, including two from Canada. He also reported on the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin but as it occurred on the same day as the anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa he appointed the Deputy Grand Master to represent him.

This Grand Lodge contributed the sum of \$2,500 to the George Washington National Memorial Association early in 1945 and a sum exceeding \$2,000 in February, 1946, at the annual meeting which was attended by the Grand Master. The quota of the Grand Lodge was \$42,027, and there is still a balance due of \$8,000. The Grand Master recommended that the amount be paid in two years.

Delinquent dues in this jurisdiction in 1933 exceeded \$107,000. This sum has been reduced to approximately \$18,000, a decrease of nearly \$90,000. In his report the Grand Secretary expressed the opinion that there were still too many delinquent dues and that there are several lodges where there seems to be little effort to correct the situation.

The President of the Masonic Home of Nebraska reported the capacity of the home as 85 and at present there are 88 residents. He stated that it had been necessary to postpone the entrance of many applicants by making arrangements to have them cared for elsewhere. New buildings are needed and an appeal for funds has been made. The cost of maintenance for the year 1945 exceeded \$56,000, the per capita costs being \$691. Ten years ago the per capita cost was \$423.

The Home is supported by \$1.00 per member which amounted to \$32,519 in 1945, or \$24,000 less than the cost of operation, the deficit being met by earnings of the Endowment Fund and by special appropriation. The President stressed the need of support in the campaign to raise money for new buildings. To date \$225,000 has been paid or pledged in an effort to secure \$360,000.

There is no published review of the proceedings of other jurisdictions.

NEVADA

82nd Annual Communication at Las Vegas, June 13th and 14th, 1946. Grand Master F. H. Callihan. Lodges 26. Members 3,747. Gain 175. There was a full attendance of the officers and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the Flag of the United States was presented and the brethren repeated the National Flag Salute. The Roll of Past Grand Masters was called and those present were welcomed by the Grand Master. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Utah and California.

In referring to the condition of Masonry, the Grand Master said that on his visits he found the lodges active and prosperous and most of them busy

conferring degrees. He referred to the large gain in membership and the splendid condition of the finances.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. W. C. Watson, Grand Master in 1942-43 and M.W. Bro. W. S. Parke, Grand Master in 1919-20. Special Communications were held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services and the proceedings contain memorials to these distinguished brethren.

The Grand Secretary reported 29 requests from other Grand Lodges to have degrees conferred and the Grand Lodge of Nevada made 36 such requests to other jurisdictions. He reported the finances in a sound position, there being a balance in the General Fund as a result of the year's operations.

The Committee on the recognition of Grand Lodges recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas (Mexico) and the Grand Lodge of Bolivia.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. C. Peterson, the Grand Secretary. 56 jurisdictions are reviewed, among them the proceedings of Saskatchewan for 1945. In a foreword the reviewer states that for the first time in many years all the jurisdictions report gains in membership. The hope is expressed that when the next depression comes the new members who have been granted special service by way of dispensations will not drop their Masonic connection. He expresses the opinion that the Educational programs in many jurisdictions may prove to be what was lacking during the depression in the nineteen-thirties.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

A report of the proceedings of this District Grand Lodge, which is a Provincial Grand Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of England has been received at the office of the Grand Secretary. The report contains an account of the proceedings of a Semi-Annual Communication held at St. John's, Newfoundland, on November 28th, 1945, and also an account of the Annual Meeting held on April 24th, 1946. The District Grand Master is R. W. Bro. George R. Williams, and the District Deputy Grand Master is the Hon. J. S. Currie. There are 13 lodges with 1,516 members. Two lodges were constituted during the year and a substantial increase in the membership was reported.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

157th Annual Communication at Concord, May 15th, 1946. Grand Master John O. Lovejoy. Members 13,577. Gain 385. A Semi-Annual Communication was held in the City of Manchester on November 20th, 1945. 59 lodges were represented and 5 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Colours were presented and the pledge of allegiance given. The Grand Master cordially welcomed the brethren expressing pleasure at the number present and requested as many as possible to visit the Masonic Home.

The three Degrees were exemplified by three of the constituent lodges and during the day the Annual Meeting of the Directors of the Home was held. The revenue of the Home for the preceding year was about \$37,000 and the cost of maintenance about \$32,000. The assets of the Home exceed \$500,000. At the close of 1945 there were 45 residents in the Home.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Meeting and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. 56 sister jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. John J. Tilton. All the lodges except 4

were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the beginning of the end of the ruthless war a year ago when almost insurmountable difficulties were faced; and now when the war has ended there are the difficulties of reconversion, the placing of veterans in employment, and the problem of the nations to outlaw war forever; no more critical period in history has ever been faced and courage, able leadership and unity are essential.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. Raymond W. Sawyer, Grand Master in 1908 and 1909. In his address the Grand Master paid tribute to this distinguished brother referring at length to the services he rendered over a long period of years.

The Grand Master attended the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association and in reporting stated that the Association was continuing its great work for men and women in the Services and that while some of the centres are being closed many hospital visitation centres are being established. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire presented a substantial cheque. He reported that construction had been discontinued during the war and that an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000 will be required to complete the Memorial.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia which was constituted in 1929 and is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, New York, Kentucky, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. M. Dresser, the Grand Secretary. In a foreword reference is made to increased membership and it is stated that in the 41 jurisdictions in the United States reviewed the total increase was 137,318. As to the concern which is expressed by many with respect to the increase the reviewer says that there are "still a few Grand Masters who are expressing much concern over the great influx of new members but happily we note the majority are giving more concern to the matter of Masonic education". Reference is also made to physical requirements and in the opinion of the reviewer there is a vast difference between the necessary qualifications for speculative and operative Masonry and "this is one of the few, perhaps the only, old Masonic law that time and change have outmoded".

The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed. Reference is made to the cyclone which destroyed the Masonic Temple at Kamsack and to the contributions made for its rebuilding. There are also references to the 50th Anniversary of the North-West Mounted Police Lodge at Regina and to the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Dresser has very kindly referred to the review prepared by the writer a year ago. We thank him and reciprocate his complimentary remarks.

NEW JERSEY

159th Annual Communication at Trenton, April 17th and 18th, 1946. Grand Master J. S. Caie. Lodges 278. Members 77,512. Gain 3,374. The 158th Communication was opened at Trenton on April 18th, 1945. Owing to the order of the Office of Defence Transportation limiting attendance at conventions to not more than 50 persons the Grand Master announced that the meeting was held for historical reasons and that no business

would be transacted. The Address of the Grand Master was given and certain reports made and the meeting then adjourned to be reconvened at the call of the Grand Master.

At the Communication in April, 1946, all the officers were present and 22 Past Grand Masters were in attendance. 68 jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. John W. Kempson. 275 Lodges were represented, there being only three without representation. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Delaware and the District of Columbia. The National Flag was presented, the pledge of allegiance given, and the National Anthem sung.

The Grand Master made reference to the postponement of the meeting in 1945 and stated he had thought the meeting might have been reconvened in that year but as Washington authorities advised against meetings until January, 1946, he decided not to attempt to have a meeting earlier than the regular time in 1946. The decision gave him much concern.

The Grand Master spoke of the attendance of the Grand Representatives in such numbers stating that their presence was most pleasing as they were the bond between the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the jurisdictions represented by them. He also referred to the presence of the Past Grand Masters, stating that they were a stabilizing influence and that it was fortunate to have their continued interest and activity.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and also visited several sister jurisdictions. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. He reported the expenditure on the Memorial to date as about \$4,500,000 and the estimate for completion as about a million dollars. It is also estimated that the sum of \$40,000 per annum will be required for the maintenance of the building and grounds.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a review of 61 jurisdictions. The Committee reported that the proceedings of several jurisdictions had not been received probably because meetings had been postponed or cancelled by reason of the Government's Order as to Conventions. Reference was made to gains in membership in all jurisdictions and it is stated that four Grand Lodges reported a gain exceeding 10,000. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very fully reviewed. Reference is made to the dispensation granted by the Grand Master to initiate a blind candidate, to the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, to the presentation of a Union Jack to the Grand Master of Illinois, who was a visitor, and to the Benevolent Fund.

NEW MEXICO

60th Annual Communication at Albuquerque, October 21st and 22nd, 1946. Grand Master B. A. Robbins. Lodges 56. Members 7,949. Gain 550. A Special Communication was held at Las Vegas on September 14th, 1945, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. Nathan Jaffa, Past Grand Master. There was also a Special Communication at Cimarron for the purpose of dedicating the New Hall of Lodge No. 37.

All the officers attended the Annual Communication and 13 Past Grand Masters were present. 31 representatives of sister jurisdictions were introduced. In addressing them the Grand Master stated that in some proceedings resentment was expressed at the fact that representatives were not present at the sessions of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. He urged them to make brief reports on the sessions to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction

represented by each. In welcoming the Past Grand Masters the Grand Master thanked them for the advice and assistance so freely given. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of California.

The Grand Master paid tribute to the work and influence of Bro. A. A. Keen, who died on September 20th, 1946, and who was appointed Grand Secretary in 1884. After serving in that office for some years he retired, but always continued actively interested and gave a lifetime of "unselfish loyal service".

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges. He referred to the action of committees in recommending that "no action be taken until conditions become settled," and expressed the opinion that during periods of unrest there is more need for unity. He quoted at length from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York with respect to the attitude to be assumed towards Latin Freemasonry and the decision of that Grand Lodge authorizing its Grand Master to enter into fraternal relations with Grand Lodges throughout the world, provided that each such Grand Lodge is by direct descent an off-shoot of the Mother Grand Lodge. He also spoke of the Mexican Grand Lodges and intimated that all these Grand Lodges which were members of the Mexican Confederation were worthy of recognition.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association where a report was presented by the Commission sent to Europe to report on Masonic conditions there; as the result of the findings of the Committee, the Association has undertaken to raise the sum of \$150,000 to be used to help in rehabilitation. An appeal has been made to all Grand Lodges in the United States and New Mexico and they have responded liberally.

This Grand Lodge has a Students' Loan Fund. Since its inception 344 loans have been made amounting to about \$62,000, of which about \$60,000 has been repaid. Only 15 loans remain unpaid, amounting to about \$2,000. There is a Home Fund of \$143,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. John Milne. 44 jurisdictions are reviewed but Saskatchewan is not among them, no doubt because the proceedings did not arrive in time to be included.

NEW YORK

164th Annual Communication at New York, May 6th, 1945, and November 19th, 1945. Grand Master Charles W. Froessel. Lodges 1037. Members 250,290. Gain 7,570. This Communication met on May 1st, 1945. The Grand Master stated that the Government had requested that in the interest of national security civilians refrain from unnecessary travel and that any conventions involving an attendance of more than 50 should not be held. Without violating the Order the meeting might have been held with City brethren attending but this would have been unfair to outside brethren and accordingly the meeting was adjourned. Reports of the officers and chairmen of committees were received so that all might have access thereto and officers were to continue until successors were appointed.

The adjourned meeting reconvened on November 19th, 1945. The Grand Master made reference to the postponement of the meeting due to war restrictions and said that since May 1944, when they last met, the events of many years had crossed the pages of history; at that time the fate of the democracies was in the balance and troops were massed in England for the invasion of the continent; but now all should be thankful that peace reigns despite the fact that the problems of maintaining peace still lie ahead.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, Grand Master from 1936 to 1938, and M.W. Bro. Charles Smith, Grand Master from 1912 to 1914. The proceedings contain memorials to these distinguished brethren who were not only active Masons but distinguished citizens.

In referring to the increase in members in 1943 and 1944, the Grand Master said there was every reason to believe that membership would grow progressively in the years ahead. He advised the lodges to seek the return of brethren who were obliged to leave during the years of depression and reported 3,000 restorations in 1944. Arrears of dues exceeding \$99,000 in 1940 had been reduced on October 31st, 1945, to about \$18,000. The Grand Master visited all but one of the 61 Masonic districts in the State. He also visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, meeting in the City of Hamilton.

The Grand Master spoke of the Masonic war chest as one of the greatest achievements of the Fraternity. Provision was made for a dormitory and social service centres which were patronized by many thousands of men in the services. Altogether a sum exceeding \$1,100,000 was raised for this war work. The sum of \$10,000 was sent for relief in the Philippines to be used for food, shelter, clothing and medicine and not for the rebuilding of properties.

At the last meeting the Constitution was amended authorizing relaxation of the qualifications that candidates for initiation must possess with respect to their physical ability. The Grand Master recommended the amendment for final adoption.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report dealing with the future policy in relation to world-wide Freemasonry and recommended the doing away with barriers to Masonic Intercourse where there was direct descent from the Mother Grand Lodge. The recommendation was designed to meet the question of Latin Freemasonry and with the object of contributing to the cause of peace by encouraging confidence, sympathy and understanding among the peoples of the world.

A reception was accorded to the Grand Representatives. They were welcomed by the Grand Master who asked them to convey the greetings from the Grand Lodge of New York to their respective jurisdictions. Thomas E. Dewey, the Governor of the State of New York and representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, where he was born, replied to the words of welcome.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, the Grand Secretary and a member of the Commission sent by the Masonic Service Association to study the Masonic conditions in Europe, gave a lengthy report as to conditions in many European countries and stated that the Commission recommended that the Masons in the United States raise the sum of \$150,000 to be used as occasions require in the various countries. He recommended that the Grand Lodge of New York contribute one-tenth of the sum, namely \$15,000. The recommendation was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (which is topical in character) covers a wide area. Because of the report of M.W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, little reference is made to Europe. There is a reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in declaring that it will not recognize any body which is in fraternal relations with bodies calling themselves Free Masons and which associate themselves with any action affecting the relations between one government and another or between political parties or questions as to rival theories of government. As to conditions in Australia and New Zealand it is stated that they were never better, there having been satisfactory gains in membership, finance and attendance. In

the Far East the picture is greatly confused, but in China there is one bright spot, the Grand Lodge of California having authorized the formation of a new lodge at Chungking with the idea of later transferring it to the Philippines. There is a general review of conditions in the United States and Canada. Each Grand Lodge in Canada is given some reference. There is also appended a table of statistics in which the gain for the year in the United States is placed at 180,177 and in Canada 6,830.

NEW ZEALAND

Grand Master Sir Cyril Newall. Lodges 308. Members 29,566. Gain 1,125. The 56th Annual Communication was held at Auckland on November 28th, 1945. All officers were present and there was a large representation from the lodges. After the opening ceremony the Grand Master announced that he had other duties to perform arising out of his office as Governor General and would be obliged to withdraw after the election of the officers. The Board of General Purposes announced that the Pro. Grand Master M.W. Bro. E. C. Smith had been nominated for the office of Grand Master. It was then moved and seconded that the Pro. Grand Master be elected Grand Master for the ensuing year. This resolution was carried unanimously.

The Grand Master stated that the Pro. Grand Master had been of great assistance to him during his year of office and he wished the Grand Master-elect a most successful and happy year. The other officers were then elected and the Grand Master withdrew after asking the Pro. Grand Master to preside.

The finances are in sound position. There is a Widows' and Orphans' Fund of £203,000, and the balance in all funds is £236,000. Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge the balance has steadily grown from the first amount reported of £72. During the year ending September 30th, 1945, the Board of Benevolence disbursed in grants to 209 beneficiaries the sum of £8,456. The revenue for the purpose exceeded £20,000.

The gain of 1,125 in membership compares with a gain of 746 in the previous year. The membership is now at a peak. Six new lodges were constituted during the year.

The Board of General purposes considered the question of the admission of maimed candidates. In reporting attention was called to the fact that the Ancient Charges were applicable to operative Masonry and had reference to the fitness for apprenticeship in a particular trade; the Board expressed the opinion that the provision as to physical perfection "is not now regarded as a Landmark", and they recommended that in as much as world wars have resulted in many disabling injuries all lodges should adopt a very liberal policy in regard to the physical qualification of candidates.

The Grand Master-elect was installed and other officers invested. After the installation ceremony M.W. Bro. E. C. Smith addressed the brethren, thanking them for their confidence and stating that he would faithfully perform his duties as Grand Master and that he hoped that at the end of his year of office the Institution would not have suffered by the choice.

NEW ZEALAND

This Grand Lodge publishes "The New Zealand Craftsman" in which from time to time are published reviews from the various jurisdictions. A Review of the Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 appeared in this issue of April 1st, 1947. There are references to the increased membership, to the assets of the lodges, to the Benevolent Fund and to the papers issued by the Committee on Masonic Education.

NORTH CAROLINA

158th Annual Communication at Raleigh, November 6th and 7th, 1945. Grand Master J. C. Hobbs. Lodges 315. Members 31,330. Gain 3,051. All the officers were present and 13 Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The representatives of 55 jurisdictions were present and there were visitors from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina and Kentucky.

A resolution was introduced and carried approving of the action of the Grand Master in postponing the Annual Communication from the month of April to the month of November; the resolution also declared all actions taken to be as valid as if they had been enacted at the regular time.

In his address the Grand Master referred to his action in postponing the meeting stating that it was because of the Government regulations restricting travel and conventions in wartime. When the restrictions were removed in September he at once took action to convene the annual meeting.

The Grand Master said that all rejoiced because the horror and destruction of war had ended; he referred to the courage of the soldiers, sailors and airmen and to the miraculous flow from American production lines of the implements of war; he spoke of the task of reconstruction and reconversion and to the opportunity now of bringing about peace in the world.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in North Carolina moving forward and active; a few lodges are inactive but generally membership is growing not only in numbers but in appreciation of the possibilities for good which are inherent in the Institution.

The Grand Secretary reported receipts from all sources exceeding \$109,000. The sum of \$50,000 was disbursed for the Oxford Orphanage, and \$13,500 for the support of the Masonic Home. The total revenue for the Home was about \$40,000 and the expenditure about \$38,000. The per capita cost was \$595.

The Foreign Correspondent M.W. Bro. J. Edward Allen reported that he had not attempted to prepare a report to be included in the proceedings. He gave various reasons for this action among them the fact that as Superintendent of Public Instruction he had been deluged with work and he also said, that a report, if prepared, would probably not have been printed owing to limitations on the supply of paper for the printing trade. In a brief report, however, there is a reference to many important subjects such as educational programs, the Masonic Service Association, standards for recognition, Latin American Masonry and losses in depression years. The reviewer states that in 1934 there were 3,019,764 Masons in the United States, but in that year there was a loss of 153,364; now in 1944, there is a membership of 2,722,285, and a gain for the year was 161,533. The year 1933 appears to have been the peak when there were 3,303,126 Masons in the United States, but losses occurred till, in 1941, there were 2,450,000. Attention is called to the action of Masonic Service Association in sending a Committee to Europe to discover the facts with respect to Masonry on that Continent; the Committee visited many countries and its report will be presented at an early date to the Grand Lodges of the United States.

NORTH DAKOTA

57th Annual Communication at Fargo, June 17th, 18th and 19th, 1946. Grand Master R. R. Morgan. Lodges 120. Members 11,652. Gain 484. The Annual Meeting was to have been held at Grand Forks but on account of the hotel situation there the local brethren asked to be relieved and the Grand Master decided upon Fargo as the place of meeting.

There was a departure from the usual procedure as the opening ceremony was held in the evening of the first day at 8 o'clock, the object being to have the ceremony conducted with more dignity and also to have the preliminaries disposed of.

Prior to the formal opening, the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were presented and the brethren joined in singing "America" and "God Save the King". Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Kansas, Illinois, Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba.

At the morning session of the second day a reception was accorded the 15 Grand Masters present. They were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master who referred to their past services and the value of their experience to present day deliberations.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and those who responded were welcomed by the Grand Master who called attention to the fact that they really symbolized world-wide Masonic Unity. He asked each of them to communicate with the Grand Lodge represented.

The Grand Master spoke of the great changes in the world since the last communication two years ago; at that time the forces of the nation were engaged in combat with those who would enslave mankind; gradually the forces of democracy gathered their strength and to-day the war has ceased and there is time to survey the havoc wrought. Peace has not yet come to a troubled world and it is alarming to hear the assertions of competent observers that the seeds of another war are being sown in Europe and Asia. The one comforting scene is the fact that a beginning at least has been made with the World Organization for the preservation of peace.

The Grand Master reported that the condition of Masonry, in North Dakota, was never more favourable and he made this statement after having been in twenty or twenty-five districts and after travelling many thousand miles in visiting the lodges. He referred to the loss of 30% in the membership which occurred between 1929 and 1943 and expressed concern lest the same thing may happen again following a cycle of increasing numbers. He expressed the opinion that every member should interest himself in some initiate and see that he is schooled in the principles of Masonry.

The International picnic was held at Masonic Island in Lake Metigoshe on July 29th, 1945. Lake Metigoshe extends across the boundary line into the Province of Manitoba, and the picnic is an annual affair participated in by North Dakota and Manitoba brethren. On this occasion the responsibility of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States in preserving the peace were emphasized.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and in reporting spoke of the event as "one of the great experiences of a Grand Master". At the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association a cheque for \$15,000 was presented to the Association on behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to aid in the war work during the coming year.

Referring to the George Washington National Memorial the Grand Master stated that the Memorial was destined "to become one of the sacred shrines of America". North Dakota has contributed \$26,000 towards the Memorial and is paying each year \$1.00 for each initiate. The Grand Master recommended that this practice be continued for another five years.

The Financial position appears to be excellent. Expenditure has been kept well within income. The budget adopted for 1945-46 was \$13,325, while the per capita dues and fees amounted to \$16,232. There is a balance in all funds of \$164,000.

In presenting the report on Fraternal Correspondence, M.W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin stated that for the second year every Grand Lodge in America reported an increase in members. He referred to the warnings issued by many Grand Masters as to what happened after the First World War. He also states, however, that he has not found any suggestions made as to what is to be done. He seems to think that while many issue warnings they at the same time issue dispensations to make it easy to become members. The Saskatchewan Proceedings are not reviewed, no doubt because they were not available in time to be included.

NOVA SCOTIA

81st Annual Communication at Halifax, June 12th and 13th, 1946. Grand Master M. R. Chappell. Lodges 84. Members 10,534. Gain 910. All the officers were in attendance and 7 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and from the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Canada in Ontario, and Arkansas. The roll of Grand Representatives was called and those who responded were welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master referred to the momentous events of the past two years, the end of the war in Europe and the capitulation of Japan. He spoke of the atomic bomb and many other discoveries which make us realize that we are passing through a period of change which may easily alter the whole course of human existence. Reference was made by the Grand Master to the death of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. George D. McDougall and Most Worshipful Bro. Donald F. Fraser, who had occupied high office with dignity and capability, and throughout the years have maintained a deep interest in Masonry.

The Grand Master spoke of the Home at Windsor, stating that he had seen some of the other Homes on this continent and observed the way their affairs were conducted; his observations led him to be prouder than ever of the Home at Windsor. He expressed the hope that the Home might be extended so that accommodation might be provided for some who cannot be taken care of at present. There are 32 residents in the Home, and the cost of maintenance was \$21,500. There is an Endowment Fund of \$167,000, an increase of about \$27,000 for the year.

There has been a substantial improvement in the finances, particularly in the Home Endowment Fund. The Grand Master asked the Lodges not to forget the Fund, as a larger amount may be needed in the future.

The Grand Master attended all the District Meetings and reported that nearly every lodge had been represented. He expressed the opinion that the District Meetings could be made more helpful and interesting if more thought were given to planning programs for them.

In reporting the gain in membership the Grand Secretary stated that the past year had been the best in the history of the Grand Lodge. All lodges but one made gains, and the one lodge which had a loss of 7, lost these to a newly formed Lodge.

Most Worshipful Bro. R. V. Harris presented the report on foreign relations, and gave a review of conditions in Europe, South America and Mexico. He reported that Masonry in Norway was again functioning, and that in Denmark the National Grand Lodge is being rapidly re-established; in Sweden, least affected by the war, the Grand Lodge continues under the King as Grand Master. The National Grand Lodge of France is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but no Grand Lodge in Canada recognizes the Grand Lodge of France or the Grand Orient of France. In the Netherlands the Grand Lodge met on August 5th, 1945, and elected a new Grand Master. In Germany, Masonry is non-existent and the Grand Lodge of

Vienna has never recovered from the effects of German occupation. In Italy Masonry seems to be on the way to a revival. In Czechoslovakia, the National Grand Lodge was permitted by the Grand Lodge of England to carry on its work from London during the war, and it is probable that it may be soon re-established. The Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, which before the war worked in Germany, will not likely be revived. As to requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Ceara (Brazil) and the Grand Lodge of Eastern Colombia formed in November, 1945, the Committee recommended further inquiries. In referring to Mexico reference was made to the visit of M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson of Massachusetts in 1944, and a subsequent action of that Grand Lodge in extending recognition to 18 Grand Lodges in the Mexican States. R.W. Bro. Harris, however, states that his Committee hesitates at this stage, to recommend recognition of all the 18 Mexican Grand Lodges.

OKLAHOMA

38th Annual Communication at Guthrie, February 12th, 13th and 14th, 1946. Grand Master G. L. Brown. Lodges 386. Members 57,006. Gain 4,701. While this was the 38th Annual Communication, it was the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory and the 57th Annual Meeting of Oklahoma Territory. All the officers attended and 22 Past Grand Masters were present. M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, was a distinguished guest. The roll of Past Grand Masters was called and they were welcomed by the Grand Master. There were 67 representatives of sister jurisdictions present. They were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma to their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Master recommended an increase of 50c in the per capita dues stating that the present revenue is only sufficient to provide for the Masonic Homes and that money should be provided to support Masonic Service centres where they are still needed, to assist in the rehabilitation of Masonry in Europe, and to increase the Endowment fund for the Homes. The recommendation for an increase in the per capita tax was not approved. There are two homes, one for children in which 41 residents are living and one for the aged in which there are 89 residents. The operating expenses of the homes was about \$65,000, which included the sum of about \$8,000 expended on outside relief.

In 1945 the Grand Master launched an appeal to obtain the sum of \$265,000, a substantial part of which had already been raised. Of the total sum when raised \$150,000 is to be divided equally between the Endowment Fund and the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Master referred to instances of carelessness in the conduct of the business of some of the lodges, and counselled the brethren to exercise care in the handling of lodge funds and to always have an annual audit which is provided for in the regulations.

The Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington National Memorial reported no recent activity because of demands made by reason of the war. He stated, however, that now the War is over, an effort should again be made to obtain funds to help in the completion of and in the support of the Memorial. This Grand Lodge to date has contributed a sum of \$36,000 for the purpose. In reporting on the membership the Grand Secretary stated that 51 lodges showed a loss, 319 showed a gain, and 16 remained stationary.

Lodges reporting the losses are all small and located in outlying parts of the State.

There is no published review of correspondence.

OHIO

137th Annual Communication at Akron, October 16th and 17th, 1946. Grand Master E. F. Schaefer. Lodges 625. Members 219,503. Gain 12,878. There was a full attendance of the officers and 19 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Michigan and Indiana. An address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor of Akron and also on behalf of the local lodges. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and in extending a welcome to them the Grand Master said that now more than at any other time in the history of the world it is necessary to seek fraternal relationships with other jurisdictions.

In his address the Grand Master stated that another year's history had been written and that now there was the largest membership in the records of the Grand Lodge. He paid an extended tribute to M.W. Bro. H. C. Kissell, Grand Master in 1902, who passed away during the year and who had a long and distinguished career both as a citizen and as a member of the Fraternity.

More brethren who had been suspended for non-payment have been reinstated in Ohio than in any other jurisdiction. During his year of office the Grand Master addressed a letter to the secretaries of the lodges urging activity in order to prevent suspensions and the remitting of dues in proper cases.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges. He also visited the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Canada in Ontario, Indiana and Illinois. During the year his attention was called to political advertisements in which candidates for office stated that they were Masons. In each case he communicated with the Master of the Lodge of which the brethren were members, calling attention to the fact that such conduct was a violation of the Code.

In order to familiarize the lodges with conditions in Europe the statement prepared by the Masonic Service Association was printed and sent to each lodge accompanied by a letter urging contributions to relief. A contribution of \$2,500 was made during the year for relief in Norway.

In reporting on the membership the Grand Secretary stated that during the Depression, 37,304 members were lost, that this loss has been more than recovered and that the membership now is 9,796 more than it was at the peak in 1930. Suspensions for the year were the lowest on record.

There is an Endowment Fund for the Masonic Home of \$1,330,000. The cost of maintenance of the Home was \$341,000, the average per capita cost being \$942.

An amendment to permit the subordinate lodges to determine whether a petitioner's physical condition would bar him was lost by a vote of 953 for to 454 against. 1,053 votes were necessary to carry the amendment. A similar amendment was lost at the Communication in 1945 by failing to obtain the necessary majority.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. L. T. McKinney. 63 jurisdictions are reviewed among them Saskatchewan for 1945. Reference is made to the dispensation granted to initiate a candidate who was blind and this is interesting in view of the fact that Ohio has defeated an amendment to the Constitution with respect to the matter of qualifications on two occasions. The Reviewer, however, makes no comment on the action of Saskatchewan. The writer congratulates Bro. McKinney on his thorough reviews and as this was his first year he appears to be a worthy successor to M.W. Bro. Earle Stewart who rendered such splendid service as Foreign Correspondent for many years.

OREGON

96th Annual Communication at Portland, June 12th, 13th and 14th, 1946. Grand Master F. W. Hartman. Lodges 170. Members 30,748. Gain 2,407. All the officers were in attendance and 17 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Flag of the United States and the Union Jack were presented, and the brethren joined in singing "America" and "God Save the King." Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Washington, Idaho and California. An address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor of Portland and also by M.W. Bro. Earl Snell, Governor of Oregon. The roll of Past Grand Masters was called and the Grand Master paid tribute to the services rendered by them in the years past. 66 Grand Representatives answered the roll call and the Grand Master asked them to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon to their respective jurisdictions. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. I. C. Hope. 155 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported that he had visited 84 of the 170 lodges and that he had made in all 174 visits. He visited the jurisdictions of Washington, Idaho and Montana and attended the Conference of Grand Masters, and during the year instituted six lodges. He reported conditions in Oregon as encouraging and made reference to the "surge of candidates". He issued a warning as to the receiving of unworthy members, stating that the governing factor should be the character and ideals of every candidate.

As to the Conference of Grand Masters he reported every jurisdiction but one in the United States represented and gave it as his opinion that the Conference was of much value because of the ideals there set out for the benefit of all. The Grand Master delivered an address at the Conference on Clandestine Masonry and in gathering material for it, he communicated with every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada. To his surprise he discovered that there was little White Clandestine Freemasonry. He found Prince Hall (Coloured) Freemasonry working, but found no actual complaints as to its operation.

The Grand Master issued many dispensations waiving the statutory time between degrees. He also issued a number of dispensations waiving physical qualifications but only after a personal interview in each case.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to life membership and he advised the lodges to review the schedule of fees to see if they were charging for life membership.

The Grand Master made extended reference to Negro Freemasonry. Of all jurisdictions in the United States and Canada only four reported White Clandestine Masonry; 38 however reported Prince Hall Coloured Freemasonry, but all stated there had been no conflict and that much good was being done among the coloured people. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that the Prince Hall Organization is legitimate, but it is considered clandestine because two Grand Lodges cannot exist in the same State; there has, however, been no attempt to stop the operation of the negro lodges and the general opinion is that if Masonry is good for the white it is also good for the negro. The Grand Master expressed the view that aid should be given the Prince Hall Masons with counsel and advice, that this could be done without direct contact through visitation and that intolerance must give way to national justice.

During his visits to the lodges the Grand Master observed that the smaller the lodge the higher the percentage of attendance and in his opinion many lodges are top-heavy in membership.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge el Potosi (Mexico), the Grand Lodge of Finland and the Grand Lodge of Bolivia.

The finances are in excellent condition; the cash balances in all funds exceed \$133,000, and the assets including the Home, which is valued at \$425,000, exceed in value \$1,500,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Otto C. Hagmeier. In a foreword reference is made to the plans made in many jurisdictions to meet the needs of returning veterans and their dependents. The responsibility of the lodges to those who were admitted and shortly afterwards left for service is emphasized; it is stated that the future relationship of these brethren will depend on the attitude of the officers and their willingness to contact them and arouse their interest. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed, no doubt because they were not available in time.

PENNSYLVANIA

Grand Master Richard A. Kern. Lodges 562. Members 188,404. Increase 8,948. (These figures are for the year ending in December 1945). Quarterly communications were held in March, June, September and December, 1946. At the Quarterly Communication in December, bequests were reported amounting to \$134,000. The Endowment Fund for the Masonic Homes amounts to \$2,500,000. The total revenue including dues exceeded \$1,300,000. The assets including the General Fund are valued at \$10,500,000 and trust funds at book value exceed \$21,000,000.

There were 560 resident adults in the Masonic Home on November 15th, 1946, and in the Home for Children there were 37, the lowest number in recent years. Loans were made to several children to help in their education. Total expenditure on the homes was \$619,000.

The War Relief Committee reported relief granted to veterans and dependents of \$2,205. There is a substantial balance in the Fund which was raised for war purposes. The Committee on the Employment Bureaus reported 523 positions located and filled during the year at Philadelphia, and 522 at Pittsburgh. Expenditure to maintain the bureaus was about \$12 000.

The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia on September 27th, 1946. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Delaware and Illinois.

In his address the Grand Master stated that the membership now exceeded 200,000, a figure last attained in 1933. He reported the affairs of Grand Lodge in excellent condition and that the number initiated in 1946 was over 16,000, the second largest in 216 years of its history. He counselled the brethren to show a personal interest in the new members and to plan their meetings so that interest will not be killed by the conferring of undue numbers of degrees.

M.W. Bro. Kern was installed as Grand Master for the second year.

PERU

The proceedings of this jurisdiction have been received and are hereby acknowledged. They are, however, in the Spanish language and unfortunately no one is available who can translate them.

The Grand Master is Augusto S. Saco, and the Grand Secretary Louis F. Gambirazio, address, Lima.

There are 13 lodges but the total membership does not appear.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

71st Annual Communication at Charlottetown, June 26th, 1946. Grand Master W. R. Carson. Lodges 15. Members 1,125. Gain 31. A Special Communication was held at Port Hill on September 4th, 1945, for the purpose of attending the funeral of R. W. Bro. W. J. Montgomery, Past Deputy Grand Master.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Communication and ten Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, 28 sister jurisdictions were represented and the Grand Master requested the representatives to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island to their respective jurisdictions. All lodges were represented.

The Grand Master referred to the end of the war, stating that now all looked forward to a real and lasting peace and for this the leaders of nearly every nation are strenuously working. Reference was made to the Conference at San Francisco and the formation of the Assembly of the United Nations.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and found the work well sustained. No difficult problems were confronted and he was called upon to render no decision in which the regulations did not furnish a guide.

The finances are in a sound position, there being a balance in the General Fund as a result of the year's operations. There is a Benevolent Fund of about \$25,000 and only two grants were made for relief during the year. According to the report of the Grand Secretary every lodge conferred degrees.

M.W. Bro. Reginald A. Kemp is Grand Master for 1946-47.

QUEBEC

76th Annual Communication at Montreal, October 9th, 1946. Grand Master D. G. P. Sanderson. Lodges 94. Members 14,921. Gain 627. All officers were in attendance and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. All the lodges except 8 were represented. Messages were received from the Grand Masters of Maine and Nova Scotia expressing regret at being unable to be present.

In his address the Grand Master stated that all should be thankful that though we are still in the difficult days of transition, peace is on the horizon, and serious men who have the responsibility of guiding the nations of the world are looking to the horizon with hope and determination.

The Grand Master reported requests for dispensations for two new lodges and a third lodge is projected. He referred to the record increase in membership, stating that while it was large he felt confident that only those who will reflect honour on the institution had been accepted; no lodge considers quantity in membership preferable to quality. The gain this year was 627 as compared with 424 last year.

A reference was made by the Grand Master to the position of Tuscan Lodge No. 28, formerly located in the City of Levis across the St. Lawrence from Quebec, but because its building was destroyed by fire in 1919 and as it was unable to procure other premises, it was moved with the authority of the District Deputy to the City of Quebec, where there are three other lodges. Since that time Tuscan Lodge has applied for a waiver of jurisdiction before considering any application from a resident of Quebec City. The Grand Master has however ruled that Tuscan Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction with all the other lodges meeting in Quebec City.

The Grand Master cautioned all the officers to see that nothing appears on a lodge notice except that which should properly be there. In his visitations he endeavoured to bring before the members a picture of the Grand Lodge, its construction, its functions and its responsibilities. He visited many of the lodges and also visited the Grand Lodges of Maine, Vermont, Canada in Ontario, New Brunswick and Massachusetts.

The Grand Secretary commented upon the gain in membership and stated that there had been only 42 suspensions during the year. All lodges but two initiated candidates while 80 lodges reported a gain in membership, 8 reported losses and 6 remained stationary.

The Grand Master for 1946-47 is M.W. Bro. L. H. Boyd.

QUEENSLAND

Grand Master Sir Leslie Orme Wilson. Lodges 362. Members 21,964. Gain 1,757. A Special Communication was held at Brisbane on July 4th, 1945. At this meeting Sir Leslie Orme Wilson was elected Grand Master and proclaimed. In addressing the brethren he stated that this was the 12th year in which he had occupied the position and that with the exception of the Duke of Connaught, who for so many years was Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the period of 12 years was a record. He intimated that before another year he was relinquishing his position as Governor of Queensland. He spoke of the activity of Masonry in Queensland to the growth in numbers. He thanked the brethren for the honour so often conferred and expressed his gratitude of the officers for their assistance so freely given. He appointed M.W. Bro. W. H. Green as Pro. Grand Master.

There was also a Special Communication on July 30th, 1945, for the purpose of considering a report of a Special Committee on Benevolence pertaining to rules for the governing of the Aged Masons, Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Quarterly Communications were held in September and December, 1945, and in March and June 1946. In connection with the Communication in September, 1945, a Thanksgiving Service was held pursuant to notice sent by the Grand Master. The Service was for the purpose of rendering thanks for Divine Guidance during the years of peril and was conducted by the Chaplains. It consisted of hymns, scripture readings, prayer and an address by one of the Chaplains.

A Special Communication was held on February 27th, 1946, for the purpose of saying farewell to the Grand Master. The Pro. Grand Master expressed the regret of all at his departure after he had been the representative of His Majesty the King for the record period of 14 years and Grand Master for 12 years. Addresses were also delivered by the Deputy Grand Master, the President of the Board of Benevolence, and the President of the Aged Masons and Widows' Fund. The Pro. Grand Master then presented the Grand Master with a beautiful casket made of Queensland woods and containing a gavel to which was attached a gold shield with a suitable inscription. He also announced that in order to commemorate the interest which the Grand Master had taken in the children it had been decided to create a Fund to be known as the Sir Leslie Wilson Bursary Fund and that a substantial sum had already been raised. The Grand Master thanked the officers for their kindly remarks. He said he appreciated the creation of the Bursary Fund and treasured it more than anything that could be given him, as he was happy to be associated with the work of educating the children.

At the Quarterly Communication in March, 1946, the Board of General Purposes recommended a grant of £250 to the Food for Britain Fund which was sponsored by the Lord Mayor of London. The recommendation was adopted.

At the Quarterly Communication in June, 1946, the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Eustace A. Jones was elected Grand Master. It was announced that the Installation Ceremony would take place on July 16th, and as there has not been an Installation Ceremony in Queensland for thirteen years it will be a notable event and largely attended.

RHODE ISLAND

155th Annual Communication at Providence, May 20th, 1946. Grand Master H. A. Crowell. Lodges 43. Members 14,914. Gain 478. The proceedings contain a report of a Semi-Annual Communication held in November, 1945. No Annual Communication was held in 1945 by reason of the order of the Office of Defence Transportation requesting that all conventions of more than 50 persons be dispensed with.

All the officers were in attendance at the annual meeting in 1946 and visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and Delaware. Six Past Grand Masters were present and 41 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that it was two years since they last met in Annual Meeting and was thankful that the restrictions which had caused the cancellation of the meeting of 1945 had been removed. He referred to the increase in membership for the two years, stating that it was 855, but he cautioned the lodges against making the mistake of thinking in terms of quantity rather than quality. He reported that every lodge had been visited by the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or one of the wardens. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters and was much impressed by the address given by M.W. Bro. F. W. Hartman of Oregon on Clandestine Freemasonry. He expressed the opinion that sooner or later some understanding with coloured Masons would have to be faced as the origin of the Prince Hall Charter under which the Negro Masons work was derived from a legitimate and not a clandestine source.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that one year was too short a term for a Grand Master as it was impossible to complete work in mind in that time. He suggested that the subject be considered by the Past Grand Masters.

The Masonic War Service Board reported that its work was rapidly coming to a close. Three centres had been closed. The officers' centre in Providence is still open and has been a most successful enterprise, over 500 officers having been accommodated there. The centre at Newport is still in operation.

An interesting table of statistics is contained in the proceedings. The membership in the United States is stated to be 2,850,897, and in Canada 176,018.

There is no published review of the proceedings of other jurisdictions.

SCOTLAND

Grand Master the Earl of Galloway. At the Quarterly Communication in Edinburgh on February 7th, 1946, the Earl of Galloway was installed as Grand Master, having been unanimously re-elected at the Quarterly Meeting in November, 1945. He was installed by the retiring Grand Master, John Christie Stewart, who after the installation, stated that the Earl of Galloway

had had a long experience in Freemasonry, having been his Deputy for three years, and no Grand Master could have had a better Deputy.

The newly installed Grand Master thanked all brethren for the honour conferred upon him stating that he realized the great responsibilities, and asked their indulgence for any mistakes he might make. He referred to the end of the war and to the victory of the Allies and said that victory alone would not suffice; the labour of restoration and reconstruction may be long and arduous; over a great part of the world Masonry had been crushed and British Freemasonry should do its part in helping in its revival.

This Grand Lodge has approximately 880 lodges, many of them scattered over the world, in Africa, India, Burma, China and South America; in India there are 73 lodges, in the Cape of Good Hope 22, in Chili and Peru 7, and in Egypt 7. Nearly £12,000 was contributed to the Annuity Funds during the year.

SCOTLAND

A Quarterly Communication was held at Edinburgh on May 2nd, 1946, with the Grand Master The Earl of Galloway presiding. The reports of the proceedings of a number of sister jurisdictions were presented and two of the Provincial Grand Masters were installed.

Sir Ivon Taunton, the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India was a visitor and reported on conditions there. He stated that all the Scottish lodges in India are in a flourishing condition. Many Indians have been admitted and the lodges have the support of the Indian community. There are Scottish Lodges in Delhi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta, and five new lodges were constituted in the last twelve months.

A Committee reported on the question of whether any limitation should be placed on the membership of individual lodges or on the number of candidates who might be admitted in any calendar year. The Committee suggested that membership be limited to between 600 and 700, and the number of initiates during a year be limited to 50. It was agreed to postpone consideration of the report till the October meeting in order to give members an opportunity of submitting suggestions.

SCOTLAND

The Annual Communication was held at Edinburgh on November 29th, 1946. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Galloway, having been re-elected Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication holiday on November 7th, was installed by the immediate Grand Master R.W. Bro. Captain John C. Stewart. After the installation the Grand Master briefly addressed the brethren thanking them for the honour conferred upon him. He made reference to his visit to the Grand Lodge of Denmark at Copenhagen, when he asked His Majesty King Christian of Denmark, who is the Grand Master, to accept honorary Grand Membership in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Recently a reply was received in which the King of Denmark stated that he was pleased to receive nomination as honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated at which the Grand Master responded to the Toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland". The toast was proposed by Bro. Sydney White, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Master then proposed a toast to the Grand Lodge of England which was responded to by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has 889 lodges, 573 at home and 316 overseas. There was a substantial increase in membership during the past year. The total invested funds amount to £832,000 and there was expended on benevolence during the year the sum of £14,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA

209th Annual Communication at Columbia, March 13th and 14th, 1946. Grand Master Henry F. Collins. Lodges 267. Members 29,116. Gain 2,921. A Special Communication was held on August 4th, 1945, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. S. L. Turner, Past Grand Master.

There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers at the Annual Communication, 7 Past Grand Masters were present. 30 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. J. E. Hart. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Georgia and North Carolina. The Governor of the State, R. J. Williams, was also a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that for two years on account of the war there had not been a regular Communication, and he said it was fitting that all should give expression of their gratitude for the victory which had been achieved, on the field of battle. He said the victory had been made possible by the wealth, strength, moral greatness and co-operation of the freedom loving peoples of the world, and now through the victory there is the responsibility to achieve the destiny of the world for future generations.

The financial condition, according to the Grand Master, is better than it has ever been. All monies in the General Fund above a reasonable working balance have been invested in War Bonds. The Grand Master expressed gratitude to the Masonic Service Association for the operation of Service Centres at Columbia and Spartanburg and a Hospital Station at Charlestown.

The Grand Master reported a grant to the Grand Lodge of California for the relief of Masonry in the Philippine Islands. He reported a grand total sent to the Philippines through the Grand Lodge of California and direct as about \$70,000.

The Grand Representatives present were accorded a reception, and the Grand Master addressed them, stating in part that they formed the link that binds the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to the other jurisdictions in the world. He urged that each representative communicate with the jurisdiction represented by him.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, stating that it had 16 Lodges and 4 in the process of formation, and that it was recognized by many Grand Lodges including the Grand Lodge of England.

The review of correspondence is by Most Worshipful Brother Henry F. Collins. 42 Grand Lodges are reviewed, but Saskatchewan is not among them, no doubt because the proceedings were not received in time to be included.

SOUTH DAKOTA

72nd Annual Communication at Yankton, June 11th and 12th, 1946. Grand Master Rex Terry. Lodges 168. Members 15,795. Gain 694. After the opening ceremony the National Flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. All the officers were in attendance, and 15 Past Grand Masters were present. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and the

Grand Master asked them to keep in touch with the jurisdictions represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of North Dakota, Wyoming, District of Columbia, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas and Illinois. The Mayor of the City of Yankton delivered an address of welcome.

The Grand Master referred to the end of the war and stated that all must look forward to increased activity among the lodges. He spoke of the numbers seeking membership and stated that care must be exercised in taking members into the organization who have not all the qualifications. The Grand Master visited 27 out of the 28 districts at least once, and in many instances on two or more occasions. He visited the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and also attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

The Grand Master reported all the lodges busy conferring degrees. He issued many dispensations to confer degrees out of time, most of them for candidates who were members of the armed forces. Several dispensations were granted to elect and install officers out of time.

According to the report of the Treasurer the finances are in excellent condition. There was a substantial increase in the General Fund as a result of the year's operations. The Benevolent Fund exceeds \$200,000 and grants were made during the year amounting to \$3,619.

The Committee on a Masonic Home reported and recommended that the present Charity Fund be not disturbed but that a supplementary fund be established for the purpose of a Home to be provided when funds are available; that the Home Fund be kept separate and apart from the Charity Fund and be used exclusively for the cost and maintenance of a Home, and that a special committee be appointed to devise ways and means of augmenting the Fund. This report was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas (Mexico), stating that it conformed with the requirements and had been recognized by 23 jurisdictions in the United States.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, Bro. David Graham. He reported receiving the proceedings of the majority of English-speaking Grand Lodges, including all in Australia and Canada. There is no review of the proceedings of the various jurisdictions published, but the report presented deals with conditions in The Philippine Islands and in Europe. In referring to Europe reference is made to the Report of the Committee sent by the Masonic Service Association to investigate conditions there. One item of interest mentioned is that when the Committee visited Rome they found one Masonic Lodge active with almost 100 members and this despite repression for a period of twenty years.

TENNESSEE

133rd Annual Communication at Nashville, January 29th and 30th, 1947. Grand Master A. B. McClure. Lodges 376. Members 52,244. Gain 5,076. All the officers attended and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. 371 lodges were represented, there being only five without representation. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the fact that today they had the largest membership in their history and had just completed a year which produced the largest gain in the membership ever experienced. He reported having made one hundred visitations during the year in addition to attending the district meetings and that he was convinced that men being

admitted were well fitted for membership and that the increase in numbers need not be feared. He reminded the brethren that the usefulness of a lodge does not consist in the number but in the character of its members.

The Grand Master uttered a warning against the various "isms" which are being advanced with the argument that their adoption in the place of the present form of government would create social, economic and political conditions for which mankind has been waiting. He stated that the Constitution of the United States guarantees a freedom not known in any other country and he counselled the brethren to guard well that freedom.

The Grand Master attended the conference of Grand Masters at Washington and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. He reported three Canadian Grand Lodges present at the Conference and also the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The delegates were welcomed at the White House by President Truman.

The Grand Secretary reported two consolidations during the year, each of two lodges.

On January 1st, 1947, there were 170 residents in the Widows' and Orphans' Home. The cost of maintenance was about \$45,000.

The Review of Correspondence is prepared by Bro. W. P. Douglas. There are reviews of 60 out of the 79 jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is in fraternal relations. Some proceedings did not arrive in time to be reviewed and this must have been the case with Saskatchewan as its proceedings are not reviewed. Requests for recognition were received from Grand Lodges in Mexico, Central and South America and Europe. The Committee, however, reported that it lacked full information and could make no recommendation for the present. In a foreword to the review reference is made to physical qualifications and the general tendency to relax the doctrine. Reference is also made to the mounting gains in membership and to educational programs promoted by many jurisdictions.

UTAH

74th Annual Communication at Salt Lake City, January 28th, 1946. Grand Master John F. Rowe. Lodges 27. Members 5,042. Gain 310. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge officers. A reception was accorded to the Past Grand Masters of whom 18 were present. 26 lodges were represented. The representatives of 42 jurisdictions attended. They were welcomed by the Grand Master who requested them to extend the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of Utah to their respective jurisdictions. Visitors were present from the District of Columbia, Nevada and Colorado. The Grand Master referred to the fact that in the early stages of his year of office the country was in the throes of war but now the war had ended and he hoped that normal life might be resumed and work done which had been neglected in recent years.

The Grand Master reported that he had been able to visit all the lodges and that despite transportation difficulties the meetings had been well attended. During the year he granted many dispensations most of them concerning the men in the services.

A sum of money was contributed to the Masonic Service Association for the purpose of assisting in the restoration of Masonry in the Philippines. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a surplus in the General Fund as a result of the year's operations.

In commenting upon the increase in membership the Grand Secretary said that the largest membership was attained in 1930 when 5,196 members were reported; and that although there had been an increase of 680 during

the past three years the total is still 154 less than at the highest point. He stated that the financial position of the lodges was satisfactory.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Edward G. Titus. In a foreword reference is made to the end of the war and to the return of the men of the forces. The reviewer asks what the men returning will think of the American viewpoint of life. Will they be ready to carry on the way of life or will they want to change it? He states that the biggest business of mankind is that of making men better, taking from them prejudice and hate and creating a spirit of toleration. 56 jurisdictions are reviewed but Saskatchewan is not among them no doubt because the proceedings were not available when the reviews were completed.

VERMONT

153rd Annual Communication at Burlington, June 12th and 13th, 1946. Grand Master M. S. Czatt. Lodges 103. Members 16,942. Gain 361. There was a full attendance of the officers and 76 lodges were represented. The National Flag was presented, the pledge of allegiance given, and a verse of the National Anthem sung. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Quebec, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Connecticut. The Communication was also favoured by the presence of Lord Huntingfield, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australia) and Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 47 responded. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. Julius C. Thomas.

In his address the Grand Master said that all could rejoice that it was possible to assemble without the limitations which retarded the work a year ago. The war which wrought such havoc throughout the world had ended through the valiant efforts of men in the service and out of it; it was terminated by the co-operation of those who were united to have freedom preserved.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and was accompanied by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. He reported the outstanding feature of the Conference as the invitation extended by the President of the United States to visit at the White House. This Grand Lodge has supported the Masonic Service Association, recognizing it as a patriotic endeavour which the Grand Lodge by independent effort could not equal. At the Communication in 1945 the sum of \$18,000 was voted for the purpose and more than \$21,000 was raised.

Referring to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and rising costs in the maintenance of the Temple, the Grand Master stated that an increase per capita was necessary. He recommended an increase from 75c to \$1.25. In doing so he said that Vermont had the lowest per capita in the United States and pointed out that 38 jurisdictions had a tax ranging from \$1.50 to \$4.50. The Recommendation of the Grand Master was adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported inquiries from several lodges as to life memberships and the fees which should be charged. He expressed the opinion that life membership was dangerous and unwise unless reduced to a conservative actuarial basis and fees charged which would produce at current interest rates an annual return of not less than two-thirds of the annual dues.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo (Brazil) and the Grand Lodge of Bolivia. As to the former Grand Lodge it was stated that it was recognized by 14 American Grand Lodges and the latter by half-a-dozen American Grand Lodges and by the Grand Lodge of England.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. A. H. Grout, the Grand Secretary. 58 jurisdictions were reviewed. In a foreword reference is made to the doctrine of the perfect youth and to the fact that more and more Grand Lodges are swinging towards more liberal views recognizing that Masonry is now a spiritual organization rather than a school where physical fitness predominates. There is also a reference to large lodges and the opinion is expressed that a lodge of 200 is far better than one of 1,000 members. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed with references to the dispensation given by the Grand Master to initiate a blind candidate, to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and to the presentation of a Union Jack to the Grand Master of Illinois who was a distinguished visitor.

VICTORIA

Grand Master Judge C. H. Book. Quarterly Communications were held at Melbourne in March, June, September and December, 1945.

On December 31st, 1944, the membership was 62,486, a gain of 4,866. At each of the communications a reception was accorded to the Grand Representatives. Saskatchewan was represented by R.W. Bro. R. G. Ball, the Senior Grand Warden.

At the Quarterly Communication in March, M.W. Bro. C.H. Book delivered his last address before retiring from office. He had been Grand Master for three years and he thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office. He referred to the prosperous condition of Masonry in Victoria and commented upon the 1944 increase in membership as a record. He reported an increase in the Funds which now exceed half a million pounds. On account of the many candidates he expressed the opinion that lodges should be particularly careful to admit only those who are worthy. As to the progress of the War, he stated that Germany appeared to be on the verge of defeat and that Japan was being attacked in her homeland; that Britain and Australia were now safe from the horrors of invasion.

The Grand Master elect, M.W. Bro. Frank E. Pettifer, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him and said he would endeavour to carry out the duties of the office with all the ability he possessed. He said that the position involves a great responsibility especially at a time when a distracted post war world must be faced. After his address he announced the appointment of R.W. Bro. R. A. Rowe as Deputy Grand Master and there followed the investment of all Grand Lodge officers.

On May 24th, 1945, a service of thanksgiving was held in Melbourne. This service was held as soon as possible after V.E. Day to offer humble thanks that one phase of the gigantic struggle had come to a victorious end. The Grand Master and immediate Past Grand Master delivered addresses in which they referred to the history of the war, the great danger that threatened in the early stages, and the final victory. The Grand Master paid a striking tribute to Winston Churchill, stating that he was probably the greatest Englishman of all time; he also said it was a remarkable fact that throughout the annals of British history England had never lacked the man in the hour of peril, and he referred to Drake, Nelson, Wellington and Marlborough, Churchill's great ancestor.

At the Quarterly Communication in June the Grand Master referred to applications made by some lodges for dispensations to confer the Third Degree on three or four candidates at one time. He expressed the opinion that more than two candidates should never receive the Third Degree at one time and that he preferred one candidate. He requested the lodges not to make these applications.

On October 29th, 1945, a Masonic Peace Celebration was held in the Free Mason Hall in Melbourne. The proceedings consisted of a hymn, a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings of peace, and an address by M.W. Bro. D. W. Bryne. Reference was made to "The Long Dark Night" during which all the forces of evil had been loose upon the earth in an orgy of destruction and inhuman cruelty; from that night of terror peace has now dawned; at all times of upheaval there was a weakening of respect for law and constitutional usage, and a breaking down of moral standards. All should ponder on these things and do all possible to check them.

At the Quarterly Communication in December the Grand Master was nominated for re-election for the year 1946, and was chosen unanimously.

There is a Benevolent Fund of £263,000 and a Hospital Fund of £131,000. The balances in all Funds exceed £521,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. William Stewart, the Grand Secretary. In a foreword a reference is made to the growth in membership "unequalled in the past". The reviewer says that reconstruction and rehabilitation of brethren must be the first consideration of Masonry. Many annual reports are missing "possibly due to war conditions". The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed. There is a reference to the Flag Ceremony and the presentation of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes. Attention is called to the remarks of the Grand Master as to the fortunate position of the country during the years of war in that it had never experienced the devastation which took place in the countries which were in the path of the destroyer.

VIRGINIA

168th Annual Communication at Richmond, February 12th to 14th, 1946. Grand Master E. C. Laningham. Lodges 321. Members 45,389. Gain 2,237. Emergent Communications were held during the year for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. J. C. Padgette, Grand Master in 1933, and M.W. Bro. E. N. Eubank, Grand Master in 1902. In his address at the Annual Meeting the Grand Master paid tribute to the services rendered by this distinguished brother.

There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers at the Annual Communication. After the opening ceremony the Flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given.

The estimated revenue for 1946 is about \$154,000, and the expenditure including \$74,000 for the Masonic Home is about \$130,000. The sum of \$2,600 was voted for the George Washington National Memorial. There is a Home Endowment Fund of \$230,000. The annual dues are \$2.50.

Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters of whom 10 were present. They were welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master who paid tribute to the services rendered by them throughout the years. The roll of Grand Representatives was called and 47 responded. They were welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master who asked them to convey the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to their respective jurisdictions. Saskatchewan was not represented.

R.W. Bro. James M. Clift, who had served as Grand Secretary for almost 20 years retired from office during the year. The Grand Master advised that he had fixed his retiring allowance at \$2,400 per year and asked that his action be ratified. The Grand Master reported a grant of \$500 to help in restoration of Masonry in the Philippines.

R.W. Bro. T.P. Coleman elected Grand Master for 1946-47, was newly installed. In expressing his appreciation for the honour conferred upon him he stated that he was aware of the need of co-operation from all if he was to properly discharge his duties. He also stated that he would have to rely on the District Deputies to perform much of the work.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. James N. Hillman. In a foreword it is stated that many jurisdictions have had to face the doctrine of "The Perfect Youth", and the reviewer says that "exceedingly few of them approved any relaxation of the ancient practice; almost all of them, when the issue was raised, chose to adhere to what seems to be one of the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry". In the opinion of this writer, this conclusion does not appear to be warranted from the proceedings of the various jurisdictions; on the contrary the majority of jurisdictions appear to have departed from the strictness of the doctrine and are placing a more liberal construction upon it. Reference is also made to the fact that not one jurisdiction reported a loss in membership. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed with references to the address of the Grand Master, the Benevolent Fund and a satisfactory condition of the finances.

WASHINGTON

89th Annual Communication at Spokane, June 18th, 19th and 20th, 1946. Grand Master L. W. Lee. Lodges 263. Members 50,320. Gain 4,423. All the officers were present and 14 Past Grand Masters were present. All the lodges except 25 were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of California, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. A reception was accorded to the Grand Representatives and 37 answered the roll call. The Grand Master welcomed them and requested they extend the felicitations of the Grand Lodge of Washington to their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Master attended all the district meetings and visited many of the lodges. A Special Communication was held at Spokane on July 3rd, 1945, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis, Past Grand Master. In his address the Grand Master paid tribute to the services rendered by this distinguished brother who acted as Foreign Correspondent for many years. There was also a Special Communication to constitute a lodge formed as the result of the consolidation of two lodges.

The Grand Master issued many dispensations to confer degrees out of time on candidates in the armed forces.

The Committee of Correspondence reporting on applications for recognition, referred to the Grand Lodges in Mexico and also many Grand Lodges in South America. Reference was made to the difficulty of language which constitutes a barrier and the Committee was of the opinion that they should proceed slowly and make recommendations only after clear proof of Masonic standing in correspondence with the Ancient Landmarks.

The Committee on the Endowment for the Masonic Home reported that the Fund now amounts to \$590,000. The Fund was established in 1936 and has had a remarkable growth since that date. There was an increase during the past year of \$127,000. On December 31st, 1945, there were 147 residents in the Home and the cost of maintenance was about \$113,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Loomis Baldry, who undertook the work on the death of M.W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed. There is a reference to the dispensation granted by the Grand Master to initiate a candidate who was blind. The question of physical qualifications is referred to and the attitude of various Grand Lodges thereto. The presentation of the Union Jack to the Grand Master of Illinois, who was a visitor, receives kindly comment.

WEST VIRGINIA

81st Annual Communication at Wheeling, October 10th and 11th, 1945. Grand Master Nelson E. Cook. Lodges 165. Members 32,760. Gain 1,566. All the Officers were present and 12 Past Grand Masters attended. 153 lodges were represented. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 45 responded to their names. Saskatchewan was represented by M.W. Bro. T. G. Strickler.

In his address the Grand Master said that all were happy because the war had successfully ended and it was hoped that peace would be an everlasting one; there was, however, sadness because so many young men had fallen in battle. The Grand Master expressed satisfaction because restrictions on travel had been so far relaxed as to permit a complete representation of the lodges in the jurisdiction; there had been fear until the war ended that the attendance would be limited to fifty.

The Grand Master commented upon the large increase in membership but said it could not be stated whether the gain was "natural or justifiable". He recalled the disastrous consequences of the increases following the last war and expressed the hope that the new members would be active in helping to build goodwill and fraternal fellowship throughout the world. Special Communications were held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of M.W. Bro. Albert B. Bray and M.W. Bro. H. H. Rose, both Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master made many visitations but was prevented from making all the visitations he desired by reason of travel restrictions. He reported Masonry in West Virginia being carried on according to high standards and was much impressed by the activity of many of the lodges. He reported a number of dispensations most of them concerning men in the Armed Services and some to change regular meeting dates.

The Grand Master reported that M.W. Bro. Louis Tavenner, the Foreign Correspondent, had asked to be relieved of his duties because of the fact that he had passed his ninetieth birthday. It was with great reluctance that the Grand Master agreed because Bro. Tavenner had an unusual gift of expression as was well known throughout the Masonic world, having conducted the correspondence for twenty years. The Grand Master paid tribute to the splendid work of this reviewer. M.W. Bro. Henry Ahrens was appointed as the correspondent.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and to the efforts of the Grand Lodge of California to raise a Fund to help re-establish Masonry there. He suggested that the Grand Lodge strive within its means to help in this worthy object.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Henry Ahrens. In a foreword reference is made to physical qualifications in regard to which the reviewer states there is a wide diversity of opinion with the trend tending toward liberalism or removing the restrictions. Some Grand Lodges permit the lodges to be the sole judges; in some the power is vested in the Grand Master while a few still adhere to the doctrine of the perfect youth. The reviewer states that in one Grand Lodge a blind man was declared eligible while in another one whose index finger on the right hand had been amputated was refused admission. These instances are characterized as the "two extremes" and the reviewer expresses the opinion that uniformity is required on the subject. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1944 receive very kindly reference.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Grand Master J. S. Battye. Lodges 201. Members 13,116. Gain 927. A Thanksgiving Service was held in Perth on May 27th, 1945, to give thanks for the victory that had come to Allied arms. The service consisted of hymns, of prayer and an address by the Grand Master. The keynote of the service was not only thanksgiving but one of prayer, that as the Allies had been guided to victory so might they be guided in the years to come in order that peace might be brought to the world.

Quarterly Communications were held in August and November, 1945, and in March, 1946. At the meeting in March M.W. Bro. J. S. Battye was again chosen Grand Master. He had completed ten years in that office and an appreciation of his long and distinguished service was expressed by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Annual Communication was held on the 23rd day of May, 1946. There was a full attendance of the officers and a large representation of the lodges. The Grand Master reported the visitation of 53 lodges by Grand Lodge Officers during the last quarter. He reported for the year 321 dispensations as compared with 626 during the previous year. Three new lodges were constituted during the year.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the defeat of the enemy nearest Australia since the last annual meeting; the war, however, he said was over but peace was yet to come, and peace required the same concerted endeavour as had been shown during the last six years.

The cash surplus for the year exceeded that of any former year, amounting to £11,527. Grants of £3,860 pounds were made from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Grand Master called attention to the reduced rates of interest and emphasized the need of augmenting the capital of the Fund. The capital at present is £71,509.

The representatives of 37 sister jurisdictions were in attendance and the Grand Master requested them to convey the greetings of Grand Lodge of Western Australia to their respective jurisdictions. He expressed the hope that Masons throughout the world would be able to help to bring about universal peace which all so much desired.

WISCONSIN

101st Annual Communication at Milwaukee, October 11th, 1945. Grand Master H. L. Mount. Lodges 306. Members 52,714. Gain 1,456. This Communication was the reconvening of the meeting which was opened in Milwaukee on June 12, 1945, and which was adjourned for the lack of a quorum.

There was a full attendance of the officers and 15 Past Grand Masters were present. The United States Flag was presented and the members sang the National Anthem. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters and the representatives of other Grand Lodges were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master. 291 constituent lodges were represented.

In the constitution it is provided that the Grand Lodge shall meet on the second Tuesday of June, when the Office of Defence Transportation requested that all conventions consisting of more than fifty persons be voluntarily cancelled, the Grand Master called a conference of the officers when it was decided that on the date fixed for the meeting the officers and members of the committees should meet and immediately adjourn for the lack of a quorum.

The Grand Master referring to the membership, stated that the increase was 1,000 larger than in the preceding year; this was to be expected under prevailing conditions and he said that while it was substantial it was not at all alarming.

The finances are in a sound position. The expenditure was somewhat less than the budget allocation and was \$5,000 less than the income.

The Wisconsin Free Mason is now published and sent to all who signify a desire to receive it. In addition to information of local interest there is included material concerning Freemasonry all over the world. The amount appropriated for the publication is \$5,000.

This Grand Lodge has contributed most generously to the work of the Masonic Service Association for the maintenance of Service centres. The amount raised for this purpose in 1943 was \$137,000. In 1945 it was decided to raise the sum of \$35,000 and any balance raised was to be used for rehabilitation purposes for men and their families who had served in the armed forces. A sum approximating \$100,000 was raised and there is thus a substantial amount for rehabilitation.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. Maxwell Jenks, Grand Master in 1937, and M.W. Bro. Karl W. Braasch, Grand Master in 1936. The proceedings contain memorials to these distinguished brethren.

The review of proceedings is by Bro. Robert O. Jasperson and contains about 80 pages. In a foreword it is stated that Masonry in the United States and in some other countries is in a flourishing condition. A careful disposition to adhere to ancient Landmarks is noted but reference is made to some who in their desire to get around some of the Landmarks take the position that the things they would change were not Landmarks at all. The reviewer refers to physical qualifications, stating that it is a "burning subject", and that efforts are being continually made to have the regulations modified. In the opinion of Bro. Jasperson the matter of physical qualifications is a Landmark and "cannot and must not be changed". The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1944 are very kindly reviewed with particular reference to the action of the Jurisprudence Committee in disagreeing with the refusal of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to permit a totally blind man to petition for the degrees. The action of the Jurisprudence Committee is criticized, the reviewer stating "we can think of a dozen places in the various ceremonies where it would be silly to apply them to a person totally blind".

WISCONSIN

102nd Annual Communication at Milwaukee, June 11th and 12th, 1946. Grand Master A. L. Devos. Lodges 305. Members 54,325. Gain 1,611. An organ recital was given prior to the opening and after the opening ceremony the pledge of allegiance was recited and the brethren joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner". Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Minnesota, Michigan and Ohio. 16 Past Grand Masters were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master. The representatives of sister Grand Lodges were also introduced and welcomed. 299 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and in his address he referred to the courtesy extended to him on every occasion and the interest in all phases of the work shown by those present. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington when 47 jurisdictions in the United States and several in Canada were represented and was much impressed by the subjects there discussed and by valuable suggestions made.

Many dispensations were granted during the year, in all 47, of which 31 were to advance the time between degrees and 12 to permit lodges to allow other bodies the use of lodge rooms. In referring to the increase in membership the Grand Master predicted a greater increase in the coming year; he expressed the opinion that members were being made promiscuously and advised caution in the selection of candidates. He made reference to bodies whose existence is based upon Masonic membership and spoke of the competition among them resulting in solicitation which "is becoming obnoxious"; he condemned the practice stating that it was "not healthy for any of the organizations".

The Grand Secretary reported that all lodges had paid the per capita tax and none were in arrears. In referring to the membership he reported a gain of 1,611 as compared with 1,456 last year, and stated that the majority of the lodges were careful as to those admitted. There are 40 lodges with a membership of less than 50, but some of the City Lodges are very large—so large that in the opinion of the Grand Secretary some steps should be taken to limit the size of the lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia. The Committee stated that they anticipated many requests for recognition and expressed the opinion that no hasty action should be taken but that each application should be considered on its merits and that the requirements for recognition should be observed.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Robert O. Jasperson. In an introductory note reference is made to dispensations to violate the law, the ruling to permit the shortening of time between degrees, the making of members in wholesale lots. The reviewer deprecates the practice and states that it is heartening that some Grand Masters sense the danger and refuse to be stampeded by the demand for dispensations. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed.

WYOMING

72nd Annual Communication at Rawlins, August 26th, 1946. Grand Master Thomas Sterling. Lodges 50. Members 9,558. Gain 576. All the officers were in attendance and 18 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of South Dakota, Illinois, Idaho, Nebraska and Montana. M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, the Secretary of the Masonic Service Association was a distinguished guest. An address of welcome was given on behalf of Rawlins Lodge No. 5. 46 Lodges were represented.

A Special Communication was held on September 8th, 1945, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of Crook County War Memorial at Sundance. In referring to the growth in membership the Grand Master said that it meant increased responsibilities; many candidates have been hastily prepared who have been through the experience of war. It is the duty to educate the returned veteran in the doctrines of the Fraternity. This Grand Lodge now has the largest membership in its history.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and said he would always be thankful for the privilege of attending the instructive sessions. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association and reported the structure about 75% completed. Wyoming has contributed the sum of \$12,000 to the memorial. The Grand Master also attended the Annual Meetings of the Grand Lodges of Colorado and South Dakota.

The Masonic Home Fund now amounts to \$120,000. The Fund is maintained for the care of unfortunate brothers and their families. Last year it was decided to support the Masonic Service Association for another year. Contributions for the purpose amounted to \$4,673. In the last five years total contributions were nearly \$25,000.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla. The recommendation was approved. The Committee also recommended that the Grand Master be authorized to grant recognition to the Grand Lodges in Mexico which are members of the Federation of Grand Lodges of the United States of Mexico, when he is satisfied that such Grand Lodges conform to the requirements. This recommendation was approved.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Irving E. Clark, the Grand Secretary. 52 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan's proceedings for 1945. There is a reference to the dispensation granted to initiate a blind man and to the 50th anniversary of the North-West Mounted Police Lodge No. 11, at Regina. The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is favourably commented upon, as is also the presentation of the Union Jack to the Grand Master of Illinois who was a guest.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

86th Annual Communication at Mexico City, April 18th, 1946. Grand Master A. H. Seabrook. Lodges 11. Members 535. Gain 13. There was a full attendance of the officers and 9 Past Grand Masters were present. 9 subordinate lodges were represented. The representatives of 21 sister jurisdictions were in attendance and the Grand Master asked them to convey the greetings of the York Grand Lodge to their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Master in his address said that the meeting was held under much happier circumstances than a year ago; since that time complete victory had come and all should give thanks for the deliverance from the dangers which threatened; the world, however, had emerged from the war years to face an upheaval bordering upon chaos; alarming things are happening in all parts of the world; famine threatens to spread and take a greater toll of life than the war; servicemen are returning and some of them find themselves unable to procure work.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges. He referred to the difficulty in visiting them all on account of the great distances separating them. He was much impressed by the activity in the lodges and appreciated the hospitality shown him. He visited some of the Mexican Grand Lodges and reported the friendly relations existing with them all. He made personal contact with several of the Grand Masters in the various Mexican States. Agreements for inter-visitation have been made with several of these Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master reported a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Texas granting recognition to the York Grand Lodge. This was a source of great satisfaction as it is only a few years since the Grand Lodge of Texas withdrew recognition on the ground that the York Grand Lodge claimed jurisdiction over the whole of Mexico, and this was in conflict with the Mexican Grand Lodges in the several states.

One Lodge was ordered to surrender its charter, it being considered that there was no prospect of its carrying on.

The Committee on Foreign Relations commented upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas in restoring recognition and stated that it had a very favourable result. They also reported that recognition is being gradually extended to the Mexican Grand Lodges by Grand Lodges in the United States.

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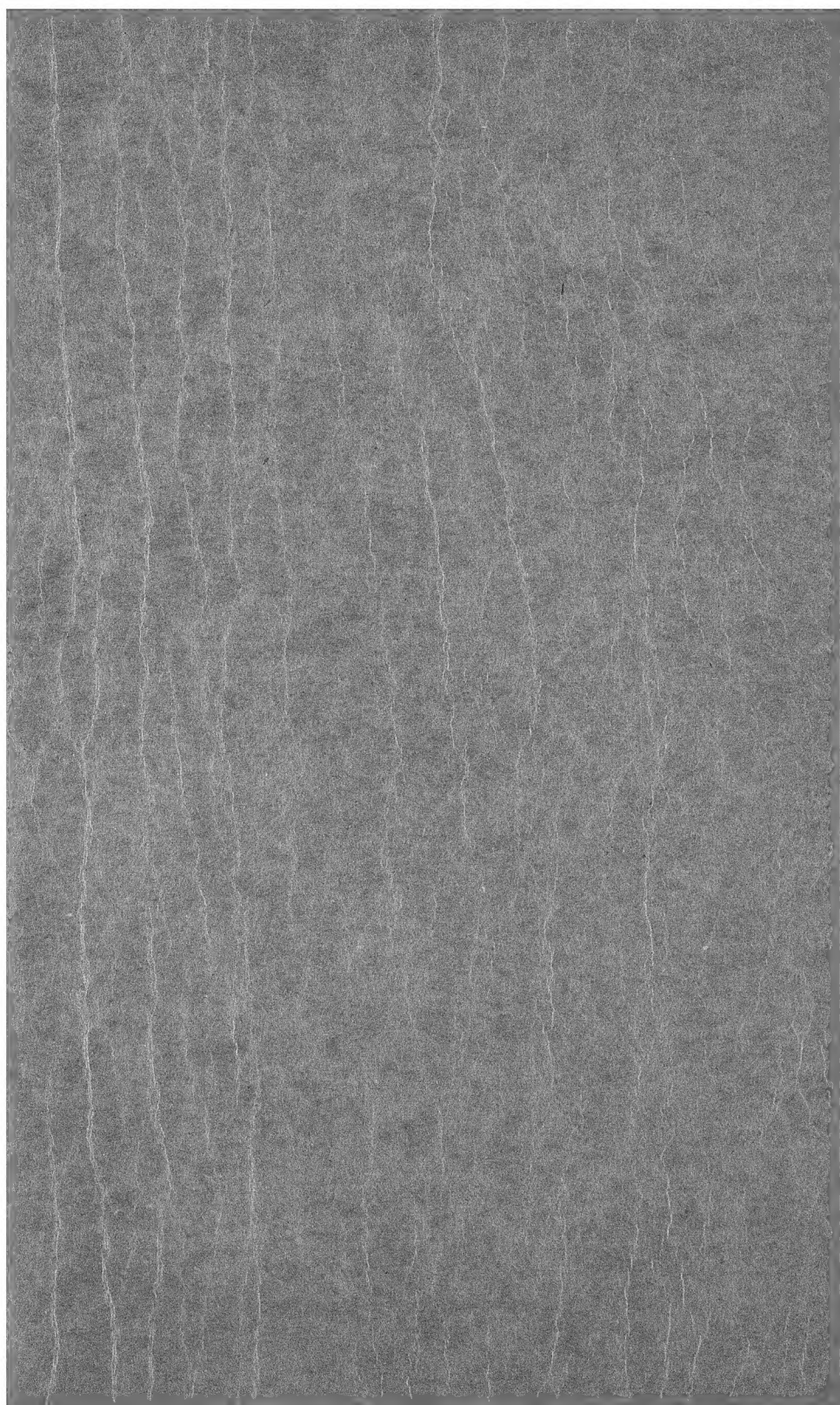
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M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master	Melville
R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master	Regina
R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor, Grand Senior Warden	Saskatoon
R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, Grand Junior Warden	Regina
M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, Grand Treasurer	Regina
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary	Regina
R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes, Grand Registrar	Moose Jaw

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Dist. No. 1, R.W. Bro. H. V. Goldfinch	Melfort
Dist. No. 2, R.W. Bro. A. P. MacLean	Regina
Dist. No. 3, R.W. Bro. H. A. Cathro	Avonlea
Dist. No. 4, R.W. Bro. Thomas Hesketh	Cupar
Dist. No. 5, R.W. Bro. C. A. Moir	Saskatoon
Dist. No. 6, R.W. Bro. R. F. Swinton	Osage
Dist. No. 7, R.W. Bro. F. L. Stephens	Denholm
Dist. No. 8, R.W. Bro. W. E. Fern	Oxbow
Dist. No. 9, R.W. Bro. W. J. Toppings	Inchkeith
Dist. No. 10, R.W. Bro. John Foster	Hudson Bay
Dist. No. 11, R.W. Bro. John Stewart	Cabri
Dist. No. 12, R.W. Bro. Donald McAlister	Eston
Dist. No. 13, R.W. Bro. D. M. McIntosh	Plenty
Dist. No. 14, R.W. Bro. Harold Thompson	Shaunavon
Dist. No. 15, R.W. Bro. J. M. Hanbidge	Humboldt
Dist. No. 16, R.W. Bro. W. A. Richardson	Strasbourg
Dist. No. 17, R.W. Bro. R. L. Maxfield	Macrorie

R.W. Bro. Bishop E. H. Knowles, Grand Chaplain	Regina
V.W. Bro. H. Sutherland, Grand Senior Deacon	Borden
V.W. Bro. J. A. Stueck, Grand Junior Deacon	Abernethy
V.W. Bro. E. J. Maddex, Grand Director of Ceremonies	Melville
V.W. Bro. H. N. Clements, Grand Supt. of Works	Dubuc
V.W. Bro. S. W. Foster, Grand Organist	Saskatoon

GRAND STEWARDS

V.W. Bro. L. S. Lepine	Wakaw
V.W. Bro. R. A. Johnston	Colfax
V.W. Bro. G. P. Barton	Morse
V.W. Bro. J. M. Ballentine	Herschel
V.W. Bro. F. Freeman	Kelfield
V.W. Bro. B. S. Woods	Raymore
V.W. Bro. E. A. Hudson	Hawarden
V.W. Bro. A. Wilton	Moose Jaw
V.W. Bro. R. Thoms, Grand Pursuivant	Kelvington
V.W. Bro. T. H. Reeves, Grand Tyler	Saskatoon